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## SCOTTISH SPORT.

### TUSSLE FOR RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP.

### ENGLAND'S VICTORY IN THE LEAGUE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Edinburgh, February 9'st.

The most important match on the Rugby card was played at Edinburgh where Heriot's who are at present top in the Rugby Championship, were rather severely handicapped by the want of leading players, and had all their work cut out before they got the better of Edinburgh Academicals. It was certainly their least convincing display of the season, but the conditions under foot clogged their movements badly. They began strongly, but had considerably the worst of the exchanges in the second half. Yet there can be no gainsaying the fact that they were the more resourceful company, and their victory by three tries to one was not undeserved. Their forwards had almost complete charge during the first half, but the Academical eight more than held their own after the interval; the ponderous plugging of the ball paying better in the mud than the more sprightly movements of their opponents. Another good fixture was in the West, where Glasgow Academicals inflicted on the Watsonians their fifth reverse, and thus gained revenge for the somewhat unexpected defeat they had sustained in Edinburgh earlier in the season. The first half of the game showed the visitors in fine form and doing practically all the pressing, and it was rather owing to their lack of finishing power than to the Academicals' defence, which in this half was distinctly shaky, that they had not established a much larger lead than the three points with which they crossed over. A marked change, however, came over the game in the second period, and the Academicals forwards who had previously been badly beaten in the tight, got the ball with frequency, with the result that it was now their turn to attack and that of the visitors to defend. It was a humdrum affair between Edin. Wanderers and Stewart's and the rival High School engagement was also without brilliancy.

Edinburgh Academicals, 3; Heriot's, 9.
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Jedforest, 0; Hawick, 8.
Gala, 6; Selkirk, 3.
Langholm, 3; Kelso, 3.
Kelvin Academicals, 15; Greenock W., 0.

THE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL.

The match between teams representing the English and Scottish Leagues came off under deplorable ground conditions. Probably first class football has never been played on a ground so deep in mud, propulsion of the ball was a physical feat, yet there were periods of play that touched a high standard and individuals who rose superior to the conditions. As a matter of fact both teams gave remarkable displays under the circumstances, and the skill, pace, and stamina of the twenty two players, and the exceptional keenness to win on the part of both teams, caused the game to be one of the finest of the series, and one that the spectators thoroughly appreciated. The English representatives finally won by 2 goals to 1, and were entitled to their victory, for on the whole they were the more aggressive side, yet they were lucky to get their goals at a time when their opponents were under handicap. Scotland secured a one-goal lead in the first half, but restarted a player short, Muirhead, (Rangers) the finest half back in the game prior to the interval, being unable to resume owing to a muscle injury. England got level after twenty minutes' play in the second half, and further trouble befel the Scottish side, whose captain, Townsley, had to retire temporarily for attention, and in his absence the English Leaguers scored their second and winning goal. The point was cleverly taken by the noted Liverpool forward, Cambers, who, however, had an exceptional opportunity from the fact that only one Scots half-back was on the field at the time. Townsley returned later and finished the game, but Muirhead did not again appear, and a player short throughout the whole of the second half placed the Scots at a fatal disadvantage.

QUIET WEEK FOR THE CLUBS.

It has been a featureless week in the Scottish League, with quite an unusual number of draws. The most important result was the success of the Third Lanark against Hearts. The "Warriors" are in a perilous condition near the bottom of the League table, and this victory was very welcome. Alloa went further behind.

In the Second Division, Queen's Park after their heavy work in the Cup ties, sustained a defeat, and they only retain their leadership by one game in advance of Clydebank. Results:—

Morton, 1; Hibernians, 0.
Ayr United, 2; Raith Rovers, 0.
Celtic, 1; Albion Rovers, 1.
Hibernians, 2; Alloa, 1.
Third Lanark, 3; Hearts, 1.
Raith Rovers, 1; Albion Rovers, 1.
Falkirk, 0; Celtic, 0.
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Clyde, 0; Morton, 0.
Kilmarnock, 3; Hamilton, 0.
Motherwell, 1; St. Mirren, 1.

HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL.

Scotland fared well in their Hockey match with Wales, which ended in victory for the home eleven by four goals to nil. A win for Scotland was not unexpected, but not one of such overwhelming nature. Last year's match, played in Wales, was drawn: on that occasion four of Scotland's leading players were unable to travel south. This year the Scots were practically at full strength, so that the result augers well for the next International fixture with Ireland.

HERIOTERS AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

It will be a happy coincidence if Heriot's Football Club, F.P.'s, should win the Rugby Championship. This year, as I have already written you, the Heriotérs—to give them the name by which they have long been known in Edinburgh—are celebrating the 300th anniversary of the death of George Heriot, "Gingling Geordie," the jeweller-banker who founded their famous school. People say Heriot's are a light team. So they are, but they're all strong, hard trained fellows, and nobody ever has to tell them what to do and when to do it.

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## LABOUR & OLD AGE PENSIONS.

### SMALL GOVERNMENT MAJORITY.

In the House of Commons on February 21st Mr. Maxton (Lab.), who had secured the first place in the ballot for private members' motions, moved a resolution in favour of amending the Old Age Pensions Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the Departmental Committee on Old Age Pensions, by repealing the provisions as to the calculation of means, "thereby enabling applicants for, and recipients of, the old age pension to derive the full benefit of their thrift and personal provision for old age, and to receive assistance from friends, employers, and organisations without reduction of, or disqualification for, the full pension." He pointed out that although the Labour party were in favour of the reduction of the age limit they did not ask for this in the resolution, the object of which was to encourage those people who had worked well and made the best of their lives.

Mr. D. Herbert (C.) moved an amendment declaring that the recommendation of the Departmental Committee on old Age Pensions "cannot at the present time be adopted and that this House, while anxious to remove every hindrance to thrift, must have regard to the grave financial exigencies of the country and cannot, until more hopeful conditions arise, make such a heavy addition to the burdens already borne by the taxpayers." Every addition to taxation would, he said, retard the recovery of trade, and would increase the cost of living. To give more old age pensions would simply be to take away with one hand what was given with the other.

Mr. Hopkinson (Ind.) said the question of sympathy had nothing to do with their duties in that House. He understood the Labour party, in starting the motion, objected to the present system of paying old age pensions, mainly for the one reason that it penalised thrift. This was inconsistent, because thrift was simply another name for capitalism. (Laughter.) It was perfectly obvious that the phrase "penalising thrift" meant penalising those who put by for a rainy day. Capitalism was exactly the same thing. There was another begging of the question in the Labour references to old age pensions as the "reward of service." "What service, pray? Supposing I live to the age of 70," he added, "what service would I have rendered?"

An Hon. Member: "Nothing," and laughter.

SOCIALISTS AND MR. HOPKINSON.

"What service," proceeded Mr. Hopkinson, "has any member on the opposite side rendered? (Laughter.) Is the mere fact that a man has lived for seventy years to be credited to him as a service to his fellow-men? It may be very far from being a service. It may be, and frequently is, the greatest disservice that that man could render. Ninety-nine out of every hundred men do not work to serve their country but to serve themselves, and don't let us have any more cant about it. I have not raised myself to a position of independence on the pennies of the poor as many have. Let us understand once more," he went on, "that old-age pensions are Poor Law relief, outdoor relief under another name, and nothing else, and it seems to me that the motion, whose intention is to put the brand of pauperism on everybody, is not—"

The hon. member was prevented from continuing by a fierce outburst of resentment from the Labour benches.

Mr. Westwood (Lab.-Soc.) excitedly exclaimed: My father is an old age pensioner, and he is as good a man as you. Another Labour member shouted out, "He is a liar;" while a third called out, "He ought to be made to withdraw;" and a fourth interjected with, "He is placing a stigma on our class."

The Speaker interrupted to inform members that they had the right to reply, and the noise subsided.

Continuing, Mr. Hopkinson said a pauper was one who was in receipt of public assistance. At this there are loud outcries from the Labour benches. Mr. Kirkwood and Mr. Lansbury both rising and shouting defiantly at Mr. Hopkinson. In the din it was impossible to distinguish what they were saying. The Speaker rose, and Mr. Lansbury resumed his seat, but it was some time before Mr. Kirkwood could be persuaded by his colleagues to sit down. The House, said the Speaker, was dealing with a specific problem, and the hon. member was not entitled to develop a purely abstract argument.

Mr. Hopkinson: My desire is to be of service to the Labour party—(Labour laughter). A number of questions have been addressed to me, and in the softness of my heart—(Labour cries of "Softness of your head")—I have endeavoured to be of such service as I can. Have hon. members considered what would be the effect if this amendment were carried? It would mean an extra expenditure of fifteen or sixteen millions. Had they considered where that money was to come from?

Mr. Kirkwood (Lab.-Soc.): Where is the £25,000 for the Duke of York to come from?

Mr. Hopkinson said that the whole point of the amendment was where was the money to come from? What employers wanted was liquid capital, and when taxation reached 5s. in the pound it was not a tax on income but a tax on capital.

Mr. J. H. Thomas (Lab.-Soc.) said he did not propose to make any comment on the taste or manners of Mr. Hopkinson, who must be the judge of how far his description of a pauper would hold the Government of the day. The hon. member defined a pauper as one in receipt of public money. He could imagine the alarm that would cause among the hon. member's friends.

Mr. Hopkinson rose, but there were loud shouts from the Labour members of "Sit down" and "Don't give way, Thomas."

Mr. Thomas repeated that Mr. Hopkinson had said a pauper was one in receipt of public money.

Mr. Hopkinson: I said "In receipt of public assistance."

Mr. Thomas: Technically, there is no difference, and when the hon. member is lecturing us on taste and manners let him remember that his description of a pauper includes soldiers and sailors in receipt of public assistance. (Ministerial cries of "Oh!" and Labour cheers.) His definition applies to every ex-Lord Chancellor. I resent his definition that a person who receives an old-age pension is a pauper, I am not ashamed to say that the person who made the greatest sacrifice for me went and drew her old-age pension. She rendered more service to the community than ever you did. (Loud Labour cheers.)

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## THE WORLD'S COLDEST TOWN.

### TEMPERATURE 80 DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

Stefansson, the Arctic explorer and discoverer of the "White Eskimos," is now going to leave the frozen North to its own devices and devote himself to initiating shortcut commercial air routes across the North Pole, writes Mr. Bassett Digby in the *Daily News*. "Climatic conditions in the North are conquerable," he says. "People are living and flourishing in places where there are colder winters than those at the North Pole."

He is right, of course. "We should fan ourselves and call for lemonade if we spent Christmas at the North Pole!" a jovial doctor told me, up in north-east Siberia.

The range of severe winter temperatures around the North Pole is in the minus sixties as a rule in severe weather, and the minus seventies are occasional.

Up in North Siberia the minus seventies are the rule, minus eighties are nothing unusual, and there usually, in some inhabited regions, several readings in the minus nineties during the winter!

When I was up in the country around Yakutsk, the coldest town in the world, 2,000 miles' sledge ride north of the Trans-Siberian Railway, I found that minus eighties often occur in the streets of the town itself. It is an amazing country. Netting butterflies, many of which were the same as ours, one July afternoon, when it was nearly 90deg. Fahrenheit in the shade, I came across a gang of Yakut labourers blasting holes in the dust at the side of the woodland track. I wondered why, for it was alluvial valley soil. They told me they were going to put up telegraph poles and pointed into a hole. There, less than a yard down, glistened a reef of eternal ice. Yet all around over this legacy of "eighty-below" winters, lay a landscape of rich grass, abundant flowers and bushes, bees and birds and butterflies.

The inhabitants don't mind living up there where winter is colder than the North Pole. The few educated Russians and their wives miss the theatres and other metropolitan amenities, but the cold doesn't bother them. Houses have double windows, treble and quadruple doors, and enormous stoves with thick brick walls that hold the heat at night. Outside the town of Yakutsk itself the natives prefer great blocks of ice to glass for their windows. The snow is curious stuff, not a bit like our wet fluffy imitation. It looks and feels like ground rice and white dust. In "eighty below" a man coming out of doors emerges in a great puff of steam—like a bogey who pops up through a trapdoor in a pantomime. Puffs and wisps of steam rise from half a dozen chinks and crannies of every house that is not in perfect repair. It is as easy to see a leak in your house in winter as a leak in your boot in summer. Houses are built of thick logs, the crevices stuffed with tow.

Needless to say there is no water system. There never can be, for pipes have their limit. But "eighty below" does not seem to affect the electric light system. Every horse and dog, including the blackest, is white after a very few minutes' run. Blobs of ice hang to the horse's whiskers and your own moustache is soon a mass of ice from the condensation of the steam of your breath.

But there is a jolly exhilaration about the coldest region of the world—except when the wind is blowing. Then you muffle even your face in furs, seek cover and think enviously of the lucky South Sea islanders.

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Continuing, Mr. Thomas appealed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer not to regard this as a mere party motion. People who began work at 15 rendered fifty-five years' service to the State before they were entitled to a pension, and ought not to be subject to the sort of examination which took place to-day. If the pension was a benefit for citizenship, and not a dole, the system should not penalise those who were thrifty or those who contributed to superannuation funds. The object of the motion was to remove a mean, cruel, and scandalous injustice. If the Chancellor of the Exchequer asked whether this injustice should be removed or the price of beer reduced, the Labour party would have no hesitation in saying they preferred that justice should be done to the old-age pensioners. (Labour cheers.)

CHANCELLOR'S REPLY.

Mr. Baldwin said that this motion would necessitate an immediate amendment of an Act of Parliament, and this Government, or any other Government, could not undertake that. Although large progress had been made in recent years in the matter of relieving the aged of this country, at this moment the Government could not see their way to do more. In the last ten years the amount spent on this service in Great Britain had risen from £10,000,000 per annum to £23,000,000. This motion, if adopted would entail a universal old-age pension, and that would mean an additional expenditure of £17,000,000 a year. This Government was returned to power under strict pledges of economy, so that the country might be able to balance accounts. (Hear, hear.) During the last three months the Government, and particularly the Treasury, had been occupied in continuing the work begun by the last Government, and improving upon it of cutting down the services—services desirable in themselves, but for which they knew the country could not afford to pay. When the Government were doing that and causing distress by such retrenchment it was really impossible for them at the present time to undertake a fresh charge, however worthy and desirable it might be. This country was suffering largely from the burden of taxation pressing upon her. All our taxes were too high for the safety of the nation, and before we could contemplate taking further steps in the direction indicated by the motion these taxes must be reduced for the sake of the country and for the sake of the consumer inside the country. The honest, straightforward course was to tell the House what it could afford and what it could not afford, and with infinite regret he said that neither the House nor the country could afford this reform. On that ground alone the Government reject the motion.

The House divided, and there voted—

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The amendment was afterwards agreed to without a division.


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## PROSPECTUS

(a) This Company has been formed principally to acquire by purchase (under the terms of the Option and subsequent correspondence thereon hereinafter mentioned) from Lane Crawford Limited (whose Registered Office is situate at Ice House Street, Victoria, Hongkong) and develop by building thereon the land registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marine Lot No. 7 and commonly known as "The Wiseman Site" situate in Des Vœux Road Central, Hongkong. The purchase price of the land is $1,000,000, $300,000 of which will be satisfied by the issue to Lane Crawford Limited of 30,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Of the remainder of the purchase price, $148,781.50 will be paid in cash, and the balance of $551,218.50 will be satisfied by the taking over by the Company from Lane Crawford Limited of the Mortgage (repayable on the 30th April, 1927) for that amount now subsisting on the property in favour of Lane Crawford Limited and carrying interest at 8% per annum.

In addition to the purchase price payable as above, the Company will, under the Option hereinafter mentioned, pay the brokerage of one per cent. on the purchase price amounting to $10,000 which is referred to in paragraph (b) hereof, and also indemnify Lane Crawford Limited to the extent of $26,394.30 in respect of the Plans and Specifications referred to in paragraph (c) hereof.

The Option for the acquisition of such land bears date the 5th day of March 1923 and is made between Lane Crawford Limited as Vendors of the one part and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, one of the partners in the firm of Deacon, Harston & Shenton the above mentioned Solicitors to the Company, as Trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of this Option and the subsequent correspondence thereon can be inspected at the offices of the said Solicitors to the Company (No. 1 Des Vœux Road Central, Hongkong) at any time during business hours. A copy of the Mortgage above referred to which bears date the 5th day of May 1922, and is for a term of Five years from that date can also be inspected at the same place and time.

There are no other Contracts relating to the land to be acquired by the Company.

On the land to be acquired as above by the Company it is proposed to erect a modern seven-storied building with a Basement, so as to afford accommodation for Stores, Shops, a Safe Deposit Vault and First-class Office Rooms, particularly suitable to professional people. The Site is considered to be specially favourable for such a building, being in the centre of the business part of the City and close to the Hotels, Banks and Shipping Offices, etc.

(b) In respect of the above mentioned Option a brokerage of 1% on the purchase price of $1,000,000 amounting to $10,000 is payable by the Company to the Solicitors to the Company in respect of the sale of the land the subject of such Option.

(c) Under the last mentioned Option the Company are to be under the obligation of indemnifying Lane Crawford Limited to an extent not exceeding $26,394.30 in respect of the cost of certain Plans and Specifications prepared in 1922 in connection with the building which Lane Crawford Limited at that time proposed to erect on the said land.

(d) No other commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

(e) The Company is to pay all preliminary expenses of and incident to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business and also all costs and expenses in connection with the acquisition of the land and the Assignment thereof to the Company, the estimated amount whereof is $20,000.

(f) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.

(g) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 1,000 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be $1,000 per annum.

(h) Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company as follows:—

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(2) As to Messrs. Taggart, Lowe, Crawford and Harston to the extent that they are Directors of Lane Crawford Limited who are the Vendors of the land to be acquired by the Company.
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(i) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at the aforementioned offices of the Solicitors to the Company at any time during business hours.

(j) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to the Prospectus and forms part of it.

(k) Application for shares should be made upon the Form attached to the Prospectus, which should be detached therefrom and sent to the Company's Bankers (The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) together with a remittance of $2.50 per share, the amount of the deposit.

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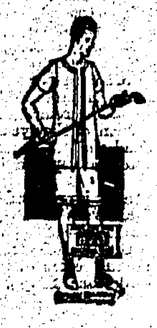
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## SHANGHAI POLICE OFFICERS IN THE DOCK.

### ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO EXTORT A CONFESSION.

The prosecution of two officers of the Shanghai Municipal Police on charges of a serious character was begun at H.M. Police Court at Shanghai, last week, before Mr. Peter Grain. The accused were: F. J. Gabbutt, Detective Sub-Inspector, and A. E. Balchin, Detective Sergeant, and the complaint against them read:—

"That they, on February 5th, 1923, at Hongkew Police Station, with Japanese Detective-Sergeant Okajima and Chinese Detective Constables Woo Zer Yung and Yang Tse Shang, and other Chinese whose names are unknown to the complainant Loh Tse Wah; (a) contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861, did unlawfully and maliciously cause grievous bodily harm to the said Loh Tse Wah, with intent to do him grievous harm or to main, disfigure or disable him, and (b) contrary to section 20 of the said Act, did unlawfully and maliciously inflict grievous bodily harm upon Loh Tse Wah.

Mr. R. N. Macleod appeared for complainant, and asked leave for Mr. Ziar also to appear, there being a considerable amount of Chinese evidence.

Mr. R. F. C. Master appeared for the accused, and entered a plea of not guilty.

Det.-Inspector Reeves, attached to Headquarters staff at Central Station, stated that he executed a Supreme Court warrant at Hongkew Police Station on the previous afternoon. When the warrant had been read and the usual caution the accused made no statement.

Mr. Macleod: Did they say nothing at all, neither of them?

Witness: Nothing at all.

Mr. Master then asked for a remand until Wednesday next, on bail. He had had no opportunity of going into the case, and in fact had only received a copy of the charge that morning, and he had not decided what attitude to adopt on the preliminary hearing; he understood a committal would be asked for if a *prima facie* case were made out.

The Magistrate: It is obviously a case of that character.

Mr. Master: If a *prima facie* case is made out, we should prefer that course.

ILL-TREATMENT ALLEGED.

Mr. Macleod said he did not oppose the application for bail. The case was a grave one. He did not propose to open then, but would draw His Worship's attention in a general way to the nature of the charge. Briefly, it was a case of police officers, while having a prisoner in their custody as police officers, ill-treating him in order to extort a confession as regarded the destination of moneys alleged to have been stolen. Two days later the man was charged in the Mixed Court with the theft of these moneys and was acquitted, the British Assessor very properly recording the Court's dissatisfaction with the police at not having brought the man before the Court within 24 hours of his arrest. Thereafter he was examined by medical men and was in hospital for over a month.

His Worship observed that it was usual to grant bail unless the Court had reason to believe the accused might not surrender for trial.

Mr. Macleod: I do not suggest that, but I ask that bail be fixed in a substantial amount.

AN IDENTIFICATION PARADE.

Mr. Master pointed out that the alleged offence was committed as long ago as February 5th. Ever since the proceedings in the Mixed Court it had been more or less common knowledge amongst the police force, particularly at Hongkew, that something was going to happen, that proceedings were going to be taken against somebody, and during these six weeks the accused had been absolutely free to remove themselves from the jurisdiction of the Court had they so wished. Again, an identification parade was held on Wednesday afternoon, when one of the accused was not identified at all and the other was only picked out after some hesitation. Since that time the accused had been absolutely free to come and go as they chose, and had they desired to evade the jurisdiction it would have been a simple matter. Both were men holding responsible positions, and both had excellent characters.

His Worship: Are they married?

Mr. Master: No, there was not that to detain them in Shanghai. They have been in the service for some time and there is no ground for supposing they will not appear for trial. Their one object now is to stay and face their charge and clear their characters. That is the only hope for them.

His Worship remanded accused until Wednesday next, granting personal bail of $1,000, and one surety each $1,000.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

IRRITATED & INFLAMED EYE can be directly traced in many cases to the Sunday Motor trip and Golfing. The dust from sections of the local roads contain a decided eye irritant. A suggestion for these trips would be to keep the windshield up and to use a pair of Sun glasses. Sun glasses of any pattern with either Crookes, Luxfel, Fiesual, Amber, London Smoke, or Blue lenses are obtainable at very moderate prices from The Hongkong Optical Co., successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing and Refracting Opticians—the most competent manufacturing optical establishment in South China—located in 53, Queen's Road Central (opposite to the Singer Sewing Machine Company).—ADVT. [101

## SHANGHAI NEWSPAPER IN A LIBEL SUIT.

### MR. L. K. KENTWELL'S CLAIM AGAINST "CHINA PRESS" FOR TLS. 50,000.

A libel action involving a claim for Tls. 50,000 damages was heard in the U.S. Court for China last week by his Honour Judge C. S. Lobingier. The plaintiff was Mr. Lawrence K. Kentwell, a barrister and a member of the British Bar practising in Shanghai, and the defendants were the *China Press*, Inc. The case arose out of proceedings in H.M. Supreme Court in September last, when Mr. H. B. Clough brought an action against Mr. G. R. Grove for recision of an agreement wherein Mr. Clough assigned to Mr. Grove, for the sum of $3,000, his interest in property which was the subject of a Mixed Court judgment. Mr. Clough alleged that he was "induced to execute the deed upon false and fraudulent misrepresentations by defendant (Grove) and Mr. Lawrence K. Kentwell," who was counsel for both parties to the deed. It was further alleged in the claim that the property was worth more than $3,000, and had been sold at a profit upon its being transferred to Grove, who was Mr. Kentwell's interpreter. On the afternoon of these proceedings, the defendant company's newspaper, the *Evening Star*, published a report of the case under the headline:—

"Fraud Charge made against Atty. Kentwell: British Lawyer is co-defendand in action brought by Mr. Clough" and on the following day the *China Press* with a similar report, headed:

"Charge of Fraud is brought against local Attorney: Mr. L. K. Kentwell is made co-defendant in British Court Suit."

These reports formed the subject of the present action, plaintiff asserting that he was not co-defendant in the action in question and that publication of his name as such had damaged his name and reputation.

Defendants in their answer admitted publication of the reports, which they held to be fair comment and privileged.

Mr. H. C. Mei appeared for plaintiff and Mr. S. Fessenden and Mr. F. J. Schuhl for defendants.

Mr. J. E. Doyle, city editor of the *China Press* and managing editor of the *Evening News* up to the time of its suspension, was then called. He stated that he had no animus against Mr. Kentwell. He wrote the headlines complained of, taking them from the sense of the report, which included quotations from the writ, an official document. It was a Court record, and charged Mr. Kentwell with fraud and misrepresentation. It was the custom for American journalists to put the pith of a story in the headlines. Witness did not think of the legal of technical meaning of the phrase "co-defendant," using it simply in the sense that Mr. Kentwell's name was mentioned in the writ together with that of Grove: and that this was so was proved by the fact that he had taken steps to defend himself.

Dr. Mei addressing the Court on behalf of plaintiff dwelt upon the effect of such a scandalous report in a small community, where it would be read by all foreigners and English speaking Chinese, saying it was bound to cause unfavourable reaction against plaintiff. It was not a sufficient defence to say that the editor was not actuated by malice. Want of actual intent to vilify was no excuse for libel. An editor's belief in the accuracy of his reporter's "copy" was no shield against the consequence of wrong, and there was nothing in the writ to justify the glaring headlines announcing that plaintiff was a co-defendant in the action.

For the defendants, Mr. Fessenden said it would be for his Honour to decide whether in all the circumstances the offending headlines constituted fair comment. There was no question as to defendant's right to publish the writ as a privileged legal document, and the only question was whether use of the words "co-defendant" made it libellous. Mr. Kentwell was a co-defendant in fact, if not technically, but he had already been vindicated by the British Court. As to damages, it was a question whether plaintiff felt himself seriously injured, or whether he thought this was a good chance of getting a substantial sum of money out of the paper.

His Honour in his judgment said that publication of the charge contained in the legal papers was privileged and the additional use of the word "co-defendant," while unauthorised, had not been shown sufficient to cause damage independently of the remaining matter. His Honour concluded: "While we are unable to find that the proof here would justify an award of damages, we cannot say, either, that in view of the defendant's use of the term "co-defendant," plaintiff was wholly unjustified in bringing this action. We shall, therefore allow his costs."

## THE TICAL EXCHANGE

### COMMUNIQUE BY SIAMESE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Finance, regrets to learn that business is being hampered owing to uncertainty as regards the future of exchange, and that rumours are rife to the effect that a further alteration is to be made shortly. The Ministry fully appreciates the importance of stability in a matter so vital to trade, and the undesirability of frequent changes, and has always borne these considerations in mind, as its record in the past clearly shows. In order, however, to reassure the public on this point, H.H. the Acting Minister of Finance is prepared to state that the Government has no present intention of reducing the rate of exchange any further.—*Bangkok Times.*

## THE FIRST GYMKHANA.

The following are the entries for the first Gymkhana meeting (April 7th):—

1ST RACE. HALF MILE.—Messrs. Albert and Arnold's Ding Dong, Mr. J. G. Lyon's Cassia River, Mr. G. A. Harriman's Dempsey, Mr. A. H. Carroll's Palm Leaf (late Gallowgate), Mr. Towers' Flash Tile, Mr. Kwansington's The Discard (late Undaunted King), Messrs. Wynne and Donaldson's Dunmore, Mrs. Bernard's Snodgrass, Dr. A. R. Esler's Whistling Rufus, Messrs. Hosie and Cock's Old Monkeynuts, Mr. Blank's Daybird, Mr. Robert's Renfrew.

2 AND 3 CLASS HANDICAPS. ½ MILE.—Messrs. Albert and Arnold's Dandy Kid, Mr. Mac's Grotahar (late King Tommy), Mr. H. Birkett's Korean Star, Mr. G. A. Harriman's West River and Dempsey, Messrs. Graham and Harriman's Autumn Time, Mr. H. Seth's Knockuh Leg and In Spite Of, Mr. Nemazee's Nastaran, Capt. E. G. Spink's Hope Dahlia, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Boatman (late East River), Sir Paul's Orient Dahlia and Dainty Dahlia, Messrs. Potts and Croucher's Petrol King and Veteran King, Mr. N. L. Nelson's Apache Scout, Mr. A. H. Carroll's Maple Leaf, Palm Leaf (late Gallowgate), and Oak Leaf (late Sportsman Dahlia), Mr. Towers' Ridge Tile and Blue Tile (late Bullfinch), Messrs. Wynne and Donaldson's Dunmore, Mr. H. Humphreys' Jazz Mouse (late Scamperdale), Mr. John Peel's Yellow River, Mr. C. C. Boyd's Strathfarrar, Mrs. Bernard's Meadowgrass, Mr. Blank's Royal Earl, Mr. Dynasty's King Charlie, Mr. Dyer's Ankle Deep and Manifesto, Mr. D. C. Logan's Red Rufus, Mr. S. A. Lopes's Roman Warrior, Messrs. Da Roza's Roman Law, Mr. F. M. L. Soares' Crusador (late Royal Crusader).

3RD RACE. "GYMKHANA STAKES."—Mr. H. Seth's Knockuh Leg and In Spite Of, Mr. Nemazee's Nastaran, Capt. E. G. Spink's Hope Dahlia, Mr. Alvanton's Arlington, Sir Paul's Orient Dahlia, Mr. A. H. Carroll's Oak Leaf (late Sportsman Dahlia), Mr. H. Humphreys' Speckled Mouse, Mr. John Peel's Yellow River, Mr. S. A. Lopes' Roman Warrior, Dr. F. H. Kew's Bandicoot (late Aviemore), Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios' Royal Conqueror (late Pawnshop), Mr. F. M. L. Soares' Crusader (late Royal Crusader) and Fidalgo (late Satisfaction Dahlia).

4TH RACE POLO SCURRY.—Mr. J. G. Lyon's Winterlight, Messrs. Graham and Harriman's Bulldog Drummond, Mr. Lake's Exchange, Lieut. H. Kemmis's Kileen, Lieut. J. R. D'Arth's Brown Paper and Dundoon, Mr. L. Nelson's Harkaway, Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Rice Bird and Ginger, Mr. J. Bartholomew's Manifesto and Sleepy, Dr. J. G. Lyon Brown's The Dunlin, Mr. Davies' Whitechalk, Mr. C. C. Boyd's Springer and Devonport, Dr. A. R. Esler's Whistling Rufus, Mr. A. Young's Roman Dusk.

5TH RACE. ONE MILE.—Mr. Mac's Grotahar (late King Tommy), Mr. H. Birkett's Korean Star, Mr. G. A. Harriman's West River and Dempsey, Mr. H. Seth's Knockuh Leg and In Spite Of, Mr. Nemazee's Nastaran, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Boatman (late East River), Sir Paul's Dainty Dahlia, Messrs. Potts and Croucher's Petrol King and Veteran King, Mr. Towers' Ridge Tile and Blue Tile (late Bullfinch), Mr. John Peel's Prior Moir and Yellow River, Mr. Blank's Royal Earl, Mr. Dynasty's King Charlie, Mr. Dyer's Manifesto, Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios' Royal Conqueror (late Pawnshop), Mr. F. M. L. Soares' Fidalgo (late Satisfaction Dahlia), Mr. A. H. Carroll's Maple Leaf.

7TH RACE 1½ MILE HANDICAP.—Messrs. Albert and Arnold's Dandy Kid, Mr. H. Seth's Knockuh Leg and In Spite Of, Mr. Nemazee's Nastaran, Capt. E. G. Spink's Hope Dahlia, Mr. Alvanton's Arlington, Sir Paul's Orient Dahlia and Dainty Dahlia, Messrs. Potts and Croucher's Petrol King, Mr. L. Nelson's Navajo Scout, Mr. H. Humphreys' Jazz Mouse (late Scamperdale) and Speckled Mouse, Messrs. Da Roza's Roman Law, Dr. F. H. Kew's Bandicoot (late Aviemore), Mr. F. M. L. Soares' Crusader (late Royal Crusader).

## COMPANY MEETING.

### SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

Sir Edward Pearce presiding at the 34th annual general meeting of shareholders in the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., last week, said:—The past year has been one of satisfactory work with steadily improving results, and your Directors have pleasure in submitting an account which they are confident you will regard with satisfaction. In this account, the gross rents, for the first time in the history of the Company, have passed the million mark and the actual working, apart from sales and chance profits, is the best the company has so far experienced."

The meeting authorised the directors to pay a final dividend for the year 1922 of six per cent. and a bonus of four per cent. on the paid up capital.

## COMPANY REPORT.

### SHANGHAI GAS COMPANY, LTD.

The Report of the Directors of the Company, states that the profit at credit of working account amounts to Tls. 301,925.79 as compared with Tls. 279,595.75 for the previous year, an increase of Tls. 22,330.04.

The net profit for the year amounted to Tls. 285,949.04 against Tls. 236,366.74 for 1921 an addition of Tls. 30,582.30.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account, which includes a sum of Tls. 7,234.16 carried forward after appropriation of Tls. 231,062.03 as sanctioned at the last annual general meeting, amounts to Tls. 273,233.20. The Directors propose to pay a dividend of Tls. 3.50 per share absorbing Tls. 84,000; writing off Tls. 113,234.06 for depreciation, transfering to staff pension fund Tls. 33,208.14 and to bad and doubtful debts reserve account Tls. 20,000, carrying forward to new account Tls. 27,790.99

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AT

9.15 P.M.

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### HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company is issuing a Prospectus dated the 23RD DAY of MARCH, 1923, a copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of Companies, inviting Subscriptions at par for 70,000 shares of $10 each payable as to $2.50 per share on application and as to the balance on subsequent demand as and when further Capital is required.

The Subscription List is now open and will be Closed on or before the 31ST DAY of MARCH, 1923.

Copies of the Prospectus and Forms of Application can be obtained from the Company's Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, and from the Temporary Offices, of the Company in POWELL'S BUILDING (Second Floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an Invitation to the Public to subscribe for Shares and Application will only be received on the footing of the full Prospectus and in the Form issued therewith.

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## "ORIENTALS."

### QUESTION TO HONGKONG SHAREHOLDERS.

Referring to the discussion in regard to the proposed further issue of capital by the Oriental Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., a correspondent writes to the *N.-C. Daily News*:—

I fail to see how the drop in the market price of the shares has anything to do with the chairman's statement "that it was in the best interests of the Company that a further issue of capital should be made."

It was common gossip in Shanghai as long ago as last June that the company was not having a good year, when the market had sellers at Tls. 8. At the end of September business was done at Tls. 6½. About the middle of October orders began to arrive from Hongkong, with such an insistent demand that the price rose as high as Tls. 10. Hongkong continued buying until the end of January at Tls. 9 or over, when apparently they had enough, and the market sagged, with very few transactions, until the quotation was Tls. 6½ buyers.

A study of the previous year's balance sheet makes it quite clear that extra capital was required—capital expenditure was being incurred, resulting in a big overdraft with the company's bankers. Thus the company was not in a position to hold on to its stock of yarns and wait for a more favourable market. It is obvious that the mill's operations had grown too big for the finance at its command.

In view of the above, I would like to ask the following question: How long have the Hongkong shareholders held their shares? With what idea did they buy such large numbers of shares? And further, why did they oppose the resolution to issue new capital at 100 per cent. premium, when the new issue was fully underwritten?

One could understand an opposition which proposes an alternative scheme that shows some advantage to the company, but no such alternative was proposed at the meeting, nor have I heard of any being proposed privately to the general managers which was in the least advantageous to the company.

## ANNUAL INSPECTION OF VOLUNTEERS.

### LOCAL CORPS INSPECTED BY THE G.O.C.

### SIR JOHN FOWLER DEPLORES LACK OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

The annual inspection of the local Volunteer Defence Corps was held yesterday afternoon on the Murray Parade Ground by the General Officer Commanding (Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.). The parade was witnessed by a large number of civilians and regular "Tommies."

In comparison to last year the turn-out this year was highly satisfactory. There were on parade yesterday 182 of all ranks out of a total strength of 306. Last year the muster was much smaller, about 120 being on parade.

The men mustered at the Volunteer Headquarters and, headed by their pipe band, they marched on to the parade ground with the acting Commandant, Major A. Murdoch, heading the first Company. The men were brought up on the parade ground, facing Garden Road, with the Mounted Section forming a right angle on the right flank.

There were present on parade:—

Battalion Headquarters.—Major A. Murdoch (Acting Commandant), Major R. B. Young (Adjutant) Major Black (Medical Officer) and the Regimental Sergeant Major.

Artillery Company.—Ten other ranks.

Engineer Company.—Lieut R. M. Smith and 16 other ranks.

Machine Gun Platoon.—Sgt. Brackenbridge and 11 other ranks.

Mounted Infantry Section.—Sgt. Dowbiggin and 21 other ranks.

No. 1 and 2 Platoons.—Second Lieut Jordain and 44 other ranks.

No. 5 Platoon.—Second Lieut. J. Ralston, M. C. and 27 other ranks.

No. 6 Platoon.—Second Lieut. D. Logan M. C. and 19 other ranks.

No. 9 Platoon and Reserve Company.—Second Lieut. (retired Major) C. Wilson, O.B.E., and 26 other ranks.

Pipe Band.—10 other ranks.

A few minutes later the General Officer Commanding, accompanied by several officers arrived on the ground to make the inspection. The Companies were smartly brought to attention and the General, after taking the salute, inspected the various Sections, chatting with a number of the men as he passed down the ranks.

THE GENERAL'S SPEECH.

At the conclusion of the inspection the Forces was brought together in open square formation and the General Officer Commanding, addressing the troops, said that since his inspection a year ago the strength of the Corps had gone down. The number was then 337, and now it was only 306. Of course, it was not their fault. He thought, they would agree with him that it was not by any means satisfactory. They had lost 74 through people leaving the Colony and for other reasons and had only obtained, during the year, 41 recruits. On parade that day there were 180 and, allowing for men out of the Colony and others absent for unavoidable reasons, the proportion present was, he considered, only fair.

With regard to funds and equipment, Sir John Fowler said that His Excellency the Governor and the Colonial Government, had in the past and he was sure would continue in the future to support the Corps by approving of expenditure which it was shown would be spent on increasing efficiency. If the Volunteers would make adequate use of their opportunities funds were not lacking to provide the means of making them efficient. Increases of allowance to Mounted Infantry and the new 30-yards range were cases in point. The Artillery Company had now received two new howitzers, powerful weapons which required skill to shoot well with.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE.

Referring to training, the General said that many instructional parades had been held as the attendance of Volunteers warranted. As far as he was aware there had been no lack of competent instructors. The Garrison was ready and willing to help in any way they could. As they knew themselves the great handicap to training was the irregularity of attendance. This hampered progressive training. The keen ones attended regularly whilst others only turned up occasionally and therefore could not take their place with their colleagues, thus retarding the work. The obligation in drills was not great and he hoped that in future it would be more generally fulfilled than it was at present.

THE WORK OF THE SECTIONS.

The Mounted Infantry Section had two useful week end camps on the Frontier and obtained some good training in the mountainous and difficult country about there. The attendance was good. The Section Commander had worked most loyally and well in getting them to turn out and in securing recruits. Under certain circumstances this Mounted Troop would be of great value.

The artillery Company had only received their guns recently. Having a proportion of old gunners trained in the war they were able to fire quite effectively on the range. He hoped they would be able to get more recruits for the Section and more men qualified in the duties of the detachment.

The R. E. Company ran searchlights and had passed certain tests very well. He attached great importance to having engineers in the Corps and hoped to be able to develop a Signal Section equipped with wireless.

For the Infantry Companies they had had two week end camps at Lowu and about 70 attended each. He was glad to note that some men who attended the first also went to the second. The training done was useful. The Infantry was a really useful addition to the military strength but he could not help wishing that the camps had been better attended.

THE OBJECT OF THE TRAINING.

Speaking generally of training the General said that as far as possible the object had been to make it interesting—to make men think out problems for themselves and not to make it too arduous or to take up too much of their time. A number of officers and N.C.O.'s had given up much time to the training of their units for which they deserved much credit. As he had already said they had been handicapped by the irregular attendance. As far as training was concerned if anybody had any useful suggestions to make they would be only too glad to receive them and he could assure them they would receive consideration.

The General paid a tribute to the work done by Major Murdoch as acting Commandant. Major Murdoch had devoted much time to the Corps during the past training season and the good results obtained were due in large measure to the interest that he had taken in it. He regretted that Major Young was leaving the adjutancy before next training season.

LACK OF PUBLIC SUPPORT.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps, the General proceeded, was one for practical use. It was essentially required to meet the needs of the Colony. It was not a company for show and they wanted to make it as comprehensive and efficient as was possible. A large number of members of the Corps were older men who had been in it for some years. All credit to them. But the great bulk of the young men who came out to the Colony were not joining the Corps in the numbers that they should. There seemed to be in Hongkong very little of what he might call public opinion supporting the Corps. He did not think that the bulk of the people realised that a Volunteer Corps was really very much required and, that it was an insurance against possible serious disturbances and loss of life and property to the whole community. He was quite sure this lack of support was short-sighted and he hoped that in future the general community would move in the matter. Besides the military training which the Corps gave it was to some extent a club and afforded facilities for recreation which should be useful to any young man coming to the Colony. He would like to see further development upon these lines. He trusted that more recruits would enrol during the next few months so that they might be able to start field training in the Autumn.

In conclusion, the General said he considered that the general turn-out on parade that day was very good indeed. The Corps was recruited from first class material and he was perfectly sure that in any emergency they would quit themselves well.

This concluded the inspection and the Force marched past the General at the Saluting post on their way back to Volunteer Headquarters.

## SPORT.

### THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

With yesterday's matches came the elimination of one of the Rumjahns in the Championship Singles, H. D. Rumjahn beating his brother, A. H. Rumjahn in three straight sets. Another noteworthy result was the defeat of R. E. Worthington in the Handicap Singles "A" by R. H. Wild. Worthington, who owed 30, won the first set, but he lost the next two. His opponent received 15 in every other game. The Lo brothers, in the Open Championship Doubles, defeated E. Grimble and L. Nelson in the second round by three straight sets.

Results:—

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

First Round.—H. D. Rumjahn beat A. H. Rumjahn, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES.

M. W. and M. K. Lo beat E. Grimble and L. Nelson, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

H. Hancock beat W. B. Cornaby, 8-6, 7-5, 6-1.

HANDICAP SINGLES "A."

Second Round.—C. E. P. Harrison (†3/6), beat W.O. J. K. E. Kikkels (scr.); A. Brearley (†1/6), beat W. B. Roberts (†3/6), 6-1, 6-4.

Third Round.—R. H. Wild (†3/6) beat R. E. Worthington (—30), 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

HANDICAP SINGLES "B."

First Round.—C. M. Wilson (†5/6) beat G. V. Mark (scr.), 6-0, 6-1.

Second Round.—C. W. E. Bishop (†4/6), beat A. H. Penn (scr.), 6-0, 6-3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

Second Round.—E. P. Harrison and M. G. Edwards (†2/6), beat J. H. Fraser and L. de Leeuw (†5/6), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Second Round.—A. Dyer Ball and Mrs. Bevan (—1/6), beat H. Nicholson and Mrs. Gompertz (†4/6), 6-2, 6-1.

### MARATHON RACE.

The course of the Marathon Race this year will be:—start from Pokfulum Police Station, along Pokfulum Road to Peak Tram Terminus, through Plunkett Gap, down to Plantation Road, along Barker Road, to Magazine Gap, along Magazine Gap Road to Bowen Road thence to Wongneicheong Gap, along Wongneicheong Gap Road to Football Ground and once round the course.

## CHINESE INSPECTOR'S SON STABBED.

### SEVEN MEN CHARGED.

The case relating to the stabbing of Hau Sang Ki, son of the Chinese Detective Inspector (Hau Hang) came up for hearing at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon when seven men were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with unlawfully assaulting the complainant. A further charge of unlawfully having in their possession a dagger was preferred against two of the defendants—Ng Tong and Yim Pak Ping.

Mr. M. W. Lo appeared for the fifth and sixth defendants and Mr. W. B. Hind represented the seventh defendant.

Hau Sank Ki, who was described as a schoolboy was first called to give evidence. He is a fully grown youth. Witness said that he and his three brothers and three school mates were just leaving the Wah Ying Restaurant, Wellington Street, when one of the defendants (the sixth) came up to him and asked if he was Hau Hang's son. If so he would take him to Gough Street. Witness went along. His friends followed. They went to Shing Wong Street just at the junction of Gough Street. There a crowd of ten men surrounded him. Six of the ten were in Court. The first defendant asked if he was Hau Hang's son. The gang then set upon him. He ran to the side of the road and placed his back to the wall. Some people then set upon his younger brothers. Witness tried to run away but as he was trying to do so he was stabbed in the right shoulder. Witness ran towards the Central Station followed by some of the gang. He did not bother to see how far they followed. His brothers and school mates also came to the Station.

The Magistrate: Can you give any reason for this assault?—None that I know of.

The Magistrate: You must have talked the matter over with your father?—No.

Don't talk nonsense! Surely there must be some reason?—None.

Inspector Willis at this stage produced a document for the Magistrate's inspection in which it was stated that the trouble arose over some throwing by the schoolboys, including one of the boys of the Hau family.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo witness said that his brother went to play at On Hing Terrace. He did not know that the sixth defendant had complained to his brother about his throwing stones. Witness denied that he, or his school mates chased the sixth defendant to Gough Street and that there the first and second defendants persuaded the witness not to strike the sixth defendant. He denied striking the first, second and sixth defendants in turn.

Another brother of the complainant gave corroborative evidence and said that he saw the first defendant stab his brother. He later went out with detectives after the affray and all the defendants were arrested at a shoemaker's shop in Gough Street. He also took the detectives to a hawker's stall and pointed out a knife which was similar to one used in the fight.

The hawker gave evidence as regards the knife which he said was taken from his stall by the second defendant.

After the evidence of another brother of the Hau family had been heard the Magistrate decided to adjourn the case for further hearing.

## FIRE ON A TRADING JUNK.

### CARGO DESTROYED: JUNK TURNS TURTLE.

Early yesterday morning a fire broke out on a trading junk No. T/887h, whilst lying at anchor in the Victoria Anchorage, Wing Lok Street. Fortunately a number of other junks lying in close proximity were not involved as they were able to case off and get away before the fire became serious. The No. 1 fire float was called to the scene and succeeded in getting the fire under control at 5 a.m., after three hours' hard work. The junk was badly damaged and becoming waterlogged she turned turtle shortly before five o'clock. She was carrying a cargo of tea, rice and paper, and these commodities were either destroyed by the flames or were toppled into the water when the junk turned turtle.

The damage to cargo and junk has not yet been estimated.

## CRICKET.

### UNITED SERVICES v. H.C.C.

The United Services Eleven for the Eastern week-end match *versus* Hongkong Cricket Club will be composed of the following:—Rev. W. Purcell, R.N. (capt.), Pay Lt.-Commander R. D. Paffard, R.N. Lieut. T. R. Beatty, R.N., Lieut. A. S. Lindsell, R.N., Captain W. G. Quinlan, R.M.L.I., Pay Lieut. B. O'F. Gdegory, R.N., Captain E. R. S. Dodds, Grenadiers, Captain W. J. H. Howard, King's, Captain E. G. Spinks, R.A.O.C., Captain R. E. Le Fleming, Grenadiers, Sergeant H. Cockell, R.E.

Play will commence at 11 a.m. on Saturday 31st.

### CIVIL SERVICE 1st XI. v. R.G.A.

The following will represent the H.K. Civil Service on the Civil Service ground at 2.15 p.m., on Saturday:—A. E. Wood (capt.), A. R. Sutherland, F. J. Ling, P. T. Lamble, R. O. Witchell, W. H. Edmonds, F. H. Holdman, A. Grimmitt, E. C. Fincher, F. Baker and E. Dunkley.

## A DOCTOR AND HIS LANDLORD.

### INTERESTING PROBLEM.

An interesting tenancy case was argued before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz), in the Summary Court yesterday.

A Chinese doctor, Ho Yin Yeuk, tenant of two flats, on the first and second floors, of 22, Messer Street, sued his landlord, Ma Kee Sun, of 28, Gage Street.

The plaintiff claimed that his landlord had disturbed him in his quiet enjoyment of the premises by making certain alterations. Consequently he claimed a declaration that he was still tenant of the premises, an order that he be allowed to resume full possession of the premises on the completion of repairs to the same; and for $1,000 damages for breach of covenant for the quiet enjoyment of the premises.

Mr. F. G. Vaux appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. K. Lo for the defendant.

Mr. Vaux said that on August 15th last year plaintiff received a letter from Messrs. Raven and Raven, architects, giving him three months' notice to quit, but enclosing no particulars of any alterations. On the 10th October defendant himself wrote to the plaintiff, giving him a date when repairs and alterations to the premises would begin, and asking him to quit on November 9th, 1921. The matter was allowed to drop then, and was revived on September 25th, 1922, when the tenant received another notice from the architects giving him three months' notice to quit, and stating that that notice came under the Rents Ordinance of 1922. The letter went on to say that work would be commenced for the reconstruction of the premises, and the erection of a new building. In the following October the landlord wrote the tenant stating that the repairs would begin on December 28th, and asking him to quit on the 27th. Plaintiff then wrote to the architect refusing to leave unless an undertaking was given that he could reoccupy on the completion of repairs. Defendant's solicitors then wrote refusing such an undertaking. The tenant later received a letter from the contractor saying the work would begin on December 29th and asking him to quit, in order to avoid any damage. Other correspondence passed, and on the 26th February the first scaffolding was put up, and on the 28th of that month the work of pulling down was commenced. On March 1st plaintiff's solicitors wrote defendant threatening him with proceedings if the tenant was disturbed, and stating that the notice served was not valid. The plans were received from the architects, and it was admitted that the alterations were not "new buildings" within the meaning of the Public Health and Building Ordinance, 1923, referred to in the Rents Ordinances. On February 28th the tenant left the premises, locking up his two flats, and leaving his furniture behind. He returned, and slept there on the night of the 3rd March. On his return he found the flats open, and a large part of the furniture missing. The alterations which had been carried out were of such a nature as to make it impossible for anyone to live in the flats. The floors, in fact, were actually pulled up. He claimed on behalf of his client that by leaving the furniture behind him, he remained tenant of the premises.

Evidence was given by the tenant bearing out this statement. He added that he was a doctor, and as such he was making $800 per month.

Mr. Lo's defence was that the tenant had been turned out of the premises, and was no longer, therefore, a "tenant in occupation." Whether he had been turned out improperly or not, there was no way in which he could claim to come back, even if the landlord was fined $1,000 for turning him out in a *mali fide* way. He submitted, also, that the tenant had left no furniture behind him, with the exception of a signboard. He was unable to see what case Mr. Vaux was bringing against him. He could make no claim under the Rents Ordinance, because the Rents Ordinance had nothing to do with it, and neither could he make a claim under common law, because the plaintiff was not a "tenant in occupation."

Evidence was given by a Chinese who went into the box, stating he was the defendant.

Mr. Vaux: What is your name?—Ma Kee San.

Mr. Vaux: Are you sure of that?—Yes.

Mr. Vaux cross-examined the man at some length on the point, and, not receiving the answer he required, he asked: "Who is Lau Yuk Sang?"

Witness: He is Ma Kee San's partner.

Mr. Vaux: Then, who are you?

Much to the surprise and amusement of the Court, witness replied "I am Lau Yuk Sang."

Mr. Lo confessed that he himself was unaware that he had put the wrong man into the box.

Witness was allowed to continue his evidence.

Judgment was reserved.


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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

INSURANCE OFFICES.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, 30th March, SATURDAY, 31st March, and MONDAY, 2nd April 1923.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries,
Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong.
Marine Insurance Association of Hongkong and Canton.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1923. [628A

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD., beg to advise their numerous Patrons that their various Departments will be OPEN during the EASTER HOLIDAYS as follows:—

DAIRY DEPARTMENT:

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| Friday, | 30th March | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.<br>2 P.M. to 3 P.M. |
| Saturday, | 31st " | ...6 A.M. to 1 P.M.<br>2 P.M. to 5 P.M. |
| Sunday, | 1st April | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.<br>2 P.M. to 3 P.M. |
| Monday, | 2nd " | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.<br>2 P.M. to 3 P.M. |

BUTCHERY DEPARTMENT:

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| Friday, | 30th March | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M. |
| Saturday, | 31st " | ...6 A.M. to 1 P.M.<br>2 P.M. to 5 P.M. |
| Sunday, | 1st April | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M. |
| Monday, | 2nd " | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M. |

ICE DEPOT:

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| Friday, | 30th March | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.<br>2 P.M. to 3 P.M. |
| Saturday, | 31st " | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.<br>10 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.<br>2.30 P.M. to 5 P.M. |
| Sunday, | 1st April | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.<br>2 P.M. to 3 P.M. |
| Monday, | 2nd " | ...6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.<br>2 P.M. to 3 P.M. |

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ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG will be held on THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH, 1923, at 4 o'clock precisely, in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, City Hall, for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1922.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General Business.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1923. [629

STUDENTS' SERVICES ASSOCIATION
(University of Hongkong).

GOOD FRIDAY, 1923,
MARCH 30TH, 1923, at 7.30 P.M.

DR. T. W. PEARCE, LL.D.,
will give a
LANTERN LECTURE
on
"THE WONDROUS CROSS"
at the
RHENISH MISSION CHURCH,
Bonham Road.

Followed by
Annual General Meeting,
Report,
Accounts,
Election of Officers,
Other Business. [631

VICTORIA REGATTA
will be held on
SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST
commencing at 2.30 P.M.
and
MONDAY, APRIL 2ND
commencing at 11 A.M.
at
BLACK BOULDER POINT,
Kowloon Bay.

The public are cordially invited.

Launches will leave Murray Pier every hour from 1.30 P.M. on Saturday and from 10 A.M. on Monday.

Tiffin Tickets can be had on application to Victoria Recreation Club at a cost of $1.25. Tiffin Tickets must be purchased before Sunday, April 1st. [633

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD., beg to announce that Departments for the Sale of FRESH FISH, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES will be Opened at the Peak Hotel Store on TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL, from which date the following may be procured:—

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| Bread, Cakes, &c. | Messrs. Cafe Wisman. |
| Provisions, &c. | Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd. |
| Dairy Products | The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd. |
| Butcher Meats | " |
| Fresh Fish | " |
| Fruits and Vegetables | " |
| Ice | " |

Ice obtained at this Store will be charged at the rate of 1½ cents per lb. other prices remain as usual.

It is hoped that all residents of the Peak Districts will avail themselves of this Store.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1923. [627

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PEAK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

OWING to unavoidable delay in printing the Report of the General Committee for the past year, the date of the First Annual Meeting fixed for the 5th April has been cancelled.

The FIRST ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Peak Club on THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1923, at 5.45 P.M.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
633] Hon. Secretary.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1918, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 30th and 31st Instant, and 2nd Proximo.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1923. [617

G. R.

IMPORTS & EXPORTS OFFICE.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

THIS OFFICE will be Entirely CLOSED on GOOD FRIDAY, the 30th MARCH. It will be opened for all purposes till 12 Noon, on SATURDAY, the 31st MARCH, and MONDAY, the 2nd APRIL. Licensed Warehouses will be Entirely Closed on those dates.

J. D. LLOYD,
Superintendent,
Imports and Exports.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1923. [610

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, the 30th Instant, and EASTER MONDAY, the 2nd April, all Departments will be CLOSED.

On These Days
The Hongkong Dispensary, will be OPENED for Dispensing Prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

On SATURDAY, the 31st Instant, all Departments will be OPEN as usual.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1923. [625

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE and during the Absence of the Undersigned from the Colony, Mr. PAUL LAUDER is appointed Acting General Manager of the Society.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1923.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE and during the Absence of the Undersigned from the Colony, Mr. PAUL LAUDER is appointed Acting General Manager of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1923.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE and during the Absence of the Undersigned from the Colony, Mr. PAUL LAUDER is appointed Acting General Manager of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1923. [628

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A Board of Officers will assemble at 11.30 A.M., on THURSDAY, MARCH 29th, 1923, at the B.A.S.O. Water Transport Compound, Queen's Road, Hongkong (adjoining the Naval Dockyard) to inspect and purchase TWO STRONG PONIES for Military use.

Owners wishing to dispose of Ponies should send them to the above place at 11 A.M., together with a letter addressed to the O.C., B.A.S.C., stating Name of Owner, and Price required for each Pony, also that each animal has been recently malleined. [622

G. R.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANT TEACHERS (European) are Required At Once. Applications, with particular of Qualifications and Experience, and copies of Testimonials should be addressed to

THE HON. DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION,
603] Education Department

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, MARCH 29th, 1923, at 4 o'clock precisely, in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, City Hall, for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1922.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General Business.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1923. [576

## INTIMATIONS

H.K.F.A.

SHIELD FINALS
(Club Ground) HAPPY VALLEY.

SATURDAY, 31ST MARCH.

Junior:
S.C.A. v. KINGS—Kick Off, 3 P.M.

Senior:
KOWLOON v. KINGS—Kick Off, 4.40 P.M.

Stands:—$1 and 50 cents.
Services in Uniform:—30 cents.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
THURSDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1923,
commencing at 2.45 P.M.,
at No. 50B, Nathan Road (Top Floor).

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—
Teak Hat Stand, Chesterfield Couch, Chesterfield Arm Chairs with Covers, Teak Extension Dining Table, Chairs, Book Case, Flower Stand, Glass Ware, Crockery, etc., etc.
Teak Twin with Bevelled Mirror, Teak Wardrobe with Bevelled Mirror Door, Marble Top Washing Stand, Carpets, etc., etc.
also
One Columbia Grafanola.
One Lot of Records.
One Electric Coffee Machine.
One Electric Kettle.

On View from Wednesday, the 28th March, 1923.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
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596] Auctioneers.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of April, 1923, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of CROWN LAND at Battery Street, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Sale. Registry No. | Locality. | Boundary Measurements. N. | E. | S. | W. | Contents in square feet. | Annual Rental. | Upset Price. |
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| 1 | Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1357. Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1358, Battery Street. | feet. | feet. | feet. | feet. | about | $ | $ |
| | | as per sale plan. | | | | 3,690 | 60 | 12,400 |

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
on
WEDNESDAY, the 11th APRIL, 1923,
commencing at 3 P.M.,
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

ONE SET OF MINT MACHINERY.

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Messrs. LAMMERT BROTHERS
At Their Office, Duddell Street.

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Particulars and Conditions of sale may be obtained from
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and
Messrs. LAMMERT BROTHERS,
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## INTIMATION

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The Daily Press.

Hongkong, March 29th, 1923.

## HONGKONG AND CANTON.

In a comment on the Chairman's speech at the recent meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the *Far Eastern Review*, a monthly publication, in American ownership, or under American control, and devoted mainly to engineering enterprises in the Far East, refers particularly to the references the speech contained to what the journal describes as "the popular belief that British interests have steadily opposed the development of Canton as a deep-water port." It says: "There has always been a feeling amongst the Chinese that any attempt on their part to develop the port of Canton would meet with opposition from British financial interests. This idea, we have reason to believe, originated when Dr. Sun Yat Sun drew up his plans for the improvement of Canton and devoted as much attention to this scheme as he did to his favourite railway plans. We are also convinced that much of the initial British antagonism to Dr. Sun arose from the knowledge that he intended to push forward his scheme for the betterment of Canton, and develop a deep-water port at Whampoa." For our part we have often wondered what grounds existed for this belief that "any attempt to develop the port of Canton would meet with opposition from British financial interests." We have seen the idea industriously propagated, chiefly by American writers and Dr. Sun Yat Sen. "The misconception about British ideas," says the *Far Eastern Review* (whose Editor, we believe was closely associated with Dr. Sun in the formulation of his schemes) "arises solely from the interpretation the Chinese place on Article 15 of the Canton-Kowloon Railway Agreement, which they assert prohibits them from constructing a spur from the present railway line to the river opposite Whompoa." The particular clause in that agreement to which reference is here made reads: "It is further understood that the Chinese Government will not build another line competing with this railway to its detriment." The Chairman of the Bank says: "This clearly refers to competing parallel lines and could not possibly be held to preclude the Chinese from constructing whatever terminal facilities they chose for the long-projected Hankow-Canton Railway." The Bank, by its interests in the British and Chinese Corporation, was a party to the Agreement, so that the Chairman is able to speak with authority on the interpretation of the clause; but apparently, before jumping to erroneous conclusions, neither Dr. Sun Yat Sen nor his advisers took the trouble to seek an authoritative explanation of the clause. However, even an erroneous interpretation of this railway agreement was a palpably slender basis for the belief that British interests steadily opposed the development of Canton as a deep-water port, especially in view of the persistent agitation which was waged by British commercial interests in this Colony, through the Chamber of Commerce and the China Association, for the removal of the artificial barriers in the Canton river which for many long years prevented access to the port by any but craft of shallow draft. But for this persistent British agitation those barriers might have remained in the river to-day. Yet in publishing his "Programme for the improvement of Canton as a World Port" in 1920, Dr. Sun Yat Sen brought himself to write: "The authorities of Hongkong have been doing their utmost to hinder every move to restore Canton as a seaport and try to nip every scheme in the bud." Not only was there not a vestige of truth in this charge, but it was manifestly impossible for the Hongkong Government to prevent the Chinese authorities or people of Canton from carrying out any scheme they wished, to make Canton a seaport. We should like to see it remembered in future in this connection that the commercial interests of Hongkong, with the countenance of the Colonial Government and the active support of the Legation, strove for twenty years to secure the removal of the artificial obstructions placed by the Chinese authorities in the river, in the 'Forties. It has always been incomprehensible to us how any intelligent person could entertain for a moment the absurd notion that Hongkong was hostile to "every move to restore Canton as a seaport." We are, however, glad to see that the assurances given in the Chairman's speech at the Bank meeting have been so cordially accepted. "I am persuaded," he said, "that no development of the trade facilities at Canton, can, in the long run, be detrimental to this Colony, and our Chinese friends may be assured that British policy in this matter is bounded by no such narrow outlook as that attributed it." It is now a good many years since the barriers in the Canton river were removed, but it is well that the public memory should be refreshed with the information that it is due to persistent British agitation in Hongkong that Canton is as much of a "seaport" as it is to-day.

There were two Chinese cases of small-pox and one Chinese case of plague in the Colony on Tuesday.

Members of the Club Lusitano are reminded of the Extraordinary General Meeting for to-day at 6 p.m.—Advt.

It is announced, that for a reason explained in the advertisement, the first annual meeting of the Peak Residents' Association is postponed until April 12th

Mr. and Mrs. Montagu Ede left the Colony yesterday by the N.Y.K. steamer *Suda Maru* for England. Their daughter Mrs. Rotherham and her husband, Major Rotheram are travelling with them.

During the absence of Mr. Montagu Ede from the Colony Mr. Paul Lander will be acting General Manager of the Union Insurance Company, British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

In the hair shampoo case at Shanghai the Judge has ordered both sides to file briefs, plaintiff with within 10 days and defendant within three weeks after the receipt of plaintiff's brief, after which judgment would be given in due course.

Mr. T. W. Pearce is announced to give a lantern lecture at the Rhenish Mission Church, Bonham Road, to-morrow (Good Friday) on "The Wondrous Cross." The lecture is under the auspices of the Hongkong University Students' Services Association.

The Colonial Secretary informs us the receipt of a despatch from the Secretary of State directing attention to the fact that the prohibition of the importation of firearms and ammunition into the United Kingdom, except under licence given by the Board of Trade is being strictly enforced.

For failing to take proper precautions during blasting operations close to the Repulse Bay Hotel a representative of the King Sun Contractors' Company was fined $200 by Mr. Lindsell, yesterday. On the occasion complained of a large piece of rock was hurled from the hillside over matsheds and into the sea. Fortunately no one was injured.

A Chinese woman, summoned at the Magistracy yesterday for having a dog without a licence said: "I took out a licence for the dog after I had been summoned because I was frightened. The dog is not my dog—I am only looking after it for a friend." "That is your look out," retorted Mr. Lindsell, "You should have had a licence. You are fined $3." "Well I don't want the dog, I'm going to have it shot," replied the defendant as she walked out of Court.

A representative of the Chu Yau Lan Company, of No. 122, Wing Lok Street, which according to the statement of Mr. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, to the Magistrate (Mr. Lindsell) yesterday, is one of the largest wholesale tobacco firms in the Colony, was fined $50 for failing to mark 59 packages of tobacco (8,000 lbs.) with words "for export." Mr. Lloyd said that it was not a case of *mala fides*. It was pure carelessness on the part of the folks of the Firm.

The forthcoming Victoria Regatta, to be held at Black Boulder Rock, Kowloon Bay, on Saturday and Monday next, should provide two days' excellent sport. On Saturday the opening event will be the International Challenge Cup, for which two crews have entered—English and Danish. This event will be followed by the various club races, open to V.R.C. members. Monday's programme commences with the Ho Tung Challenge Cup open to Hong fours, for which four entries have been received, P.W.D., Hongkong Volunteers, Submarines, and a combined team from the staffs of the Asiatic Petroleum Company and Orient Tobacco Company. For the Brown Challenge Cup, open to six car Garrison teams, two crews have entered, 94th Company R.G.A. (holders), and the Royal Engineers. For the Chairman's Challenge Cup four boats have entered. In addition the inter-club senior and junior events between the V.R.C. and the Royal Yact Club will be contested.

The Oratorio Selections to be given in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday at 9.15 p.m. include several numbers which have not been given before, but for the most part they consist of well-known and popular items and will be sung by a selected chorus of fifty voices under the conductorship of Mr. Denman Fuller. These annual performances of Oratorio on Good Friday were instituted by Mr. Denman Fuller some seventeen years ago, and, with the exception of last year, have continued without a break ever since. The numbers to be sung on this occasion consist of items from "The Redemption" (Gounad), "Messiah" (Handel), "Daughter of Jairus" (Stainer), "Holy City" (Gaul), "Woman of Samaria" (Bennett), and other works. The soloists include Mrs. D. J. Brown, Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Neil Mathieson, Mrs. Goldsmith, Miss Willmott, Mr. H. Amies, Mr. G. H. Piercy and others. The singing of the selections will be preceded by the playing of Wagner's magnificent Good Friday Music from "Parsival," by Mr. Denman Fuller, who is also responsible for the organisation and training of the chorus.

## SUDDEN DEATH AT THE ASTOR HOUSE.

EUROPEAN FOUND DEAD IN BED.

A European gentleman, who booked room No. 43, at the Astor House on the previous evening at 7 p.m. was yesterday morning found dead in his bed by the room boy. When the boy entered the room he found the electric light still on; it had apparently been burning all night. The deceased had been dead for some hours when the discovery was made.

The police were called in and from papers found in his clothing he is believed to be a Mr. J. G. Jungham, of Shanghai. He had apparently been in the Colony for some time, though practically little or nothing is known about him. It is also gleaned that he had not been in the best of health and on the day previous to his death he came straight from hospital to the hotel. After booking his room he went straight to his room and nothing further was seen of him until the tragic discovery was made in the morning. There is nothing to indicate that the late Mr. Jungham took his own life, but the exact cause of death will not be known until after the *post-mortem* examination which is to be held to-day.

The deceased is about 35 years of age and it is believed that he is married and that his wife resides in Shanghai.

## THE SUGAR REFINERY STRIKE.

Up to yesterday evening the strike of fitters at the Taikoo Sugar Refinery had not been settled. A number of meetings have been held between the employers' representatives and the men's representatives and a large number of the points at issue have been cleared up. A few minor details are still outstanding.

About 100 men are affected and they have been out on strike since last Saturday. The strikers are demanding an increase in pay, details of which were described in our issue of last Tuesday.

# CABLES.

*LATEST CABLES.*

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## SOVIET BARBARITIES.

### EXECUTIONS POSTPONED PENDING SOVIET ORDER.

LONDON, March 27th.

The latest news from Moscow is that the execution sentences, passed on the Catholic ecclesiastics, have been postponed pending a special order by the Soviet Authorities. Mr. T. P. O'Connor (Nationalist M.P.) and Commander Kenworthy (Labour M.P.) are among those who telegraphed appealing for mercy.

The morning newspapers condemn the death sentences in the strongest terms.

*EARLIER CABLES.*

## ANGRY SCENE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, March 27th.

The death sentences passed on the Russian ecclesiastics occasioned a lively scene in the House of Commons. Replying to a question on the subject, Mr. Ronald McNeill emphasised that the Government did its utmost to save the ecclesiastics, and he could not see that anything more could be done if the Soviet were determined to practise such barbarities (Loud Cheers). The Communist, Mr. Newbold, shouted an incoherent remark, which the House took to be a defence of the Soviet. Mr. Jack Jones angrily shouted that Mr. Newbold ought to be thrown out, and suggested that he should be held as a hostage. This occasioned loud and prolonged cheers. Mr. Newbold declared that no cleric sentenced to death was ever put to death (Laughter).

Mr Jack Jones:—"I will put you to death."

Two members suggested the Government should notify the Soviet that the trade delegation must leave England within twenty-four hours if the executions occurred. The matter was then dropped.

WARSAW, March 27th.

Widespread indignation has been aroused by the death sentences passed on the Russian ecclesiastics. The Polish Government has initiated diplomatic action with the object of preventing the executions, which the court ordered to be carried out in three days.

*LATEST CABLES.*

## INDIAN SALT TAX.

### DEMOCRATIC MEMORIAL TO THE VICEROY.

DELHI, March 27th.

Twenty members of the Assembly, mostly members of the Democratic Party, have addressed a memorial to the Viceroy, requesting that he will not resort to the expedient of certifying the increased Salt Tax (mentioned in yesterday's cable messages) and apprehending that a serious political situation would be thereby created.

## AUSTRALIA'S POSSIBILITIES

### BIG COMPANY TO EXPLOIT NORTHERN TERRITORY LEASE.

MELBOURNE, March 27th.

A company which is being formed in Australia has applied to the Commonwealth Government for a lease of 432,000 acres in the Rope River region, Northern Territory, for the extensive cultivation of cotton, and later rice and tobacco.

## EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

### CEYLON LEGISLATURE GRANTS £10,000.

COLOMBO, March 27th.

The Legislature has sanctioned a grant of £10,000 for participation in the Empire Exhibition.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

LONDON, March 27th.

Scottish Rangers defeated Falkirk by two goals to *nil*.

## U.S. LIQUOR RULING.

### SENATE FAVOURS PARTIAL REPEAL OF STATE LAW.

ALBANY, March 27th.

The Senate has voted in favour of the repeal of portion of the State Prohibition Enforcement Law. It is generally believed that the measure is not likely to pass the Lower House.

*EARLIER CABLES.*

## STEAMSHIP PASSENGERS' WINE SUPPLIES.

NEW YORK, March 27th.

The Port Surveyor has ordered that henceforth every bottle of liquor brought into the country by steamship passengers shall be seized and a fine of five dollars per bottle be imposed on the owner, unless the passengers prove the liquor is needed medicinally, when an amount not exceeding a quart will be allowed.

*LATEST CABLES.*

## THE RUHR.

### SETTLEMENT SUGGESTION BY GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

BERLIN, March 27th.

In a speech in the Committee of the Reichstag, the Foreign Minister, Herr Rosenberg, indicated that the Government had informed the interested Powers, which were not concerned directly in the Ruhr conflict, that Germany considered that in accordance with the proposal made by Mr. Hughes in December, that an international commission of business men, on which Germany and France would be represented on terms of equality, should determine Germany's ability to meet her obligations and the manner of meeting them. The Government was then prepared to obtain the highest possible international loan, provided with any guarantee deemed necessary, the proceeds to be handed to France or the Allies. The sufferings of the Ruhr population were daily increasing, with the danger of the outbreak of national passions, and the Government could not see any possibility of the abandonment of passive resistance, unless their assailant returned to the previous boundaries. As regards political securities for France, he suggested a reciprocal non-aggression pact.

*EARLIER CABLES.*

## EVACUATION MUST BE GRADUAL.

PARIS, March 27th.

M. Poincare, speaking before the Chamber of Foreign Affairs Committee on the Ruhr Occupation Credits Bill, admitted that the economic results obtained from the viewpoint of the fulfilment of pledges were trifling. He said the Reich's bad will had only prolonged the occupation. The French and Belgian Governments fully agreed that evacuation of the occupied territories could only take place gradually, as due payments were made. Essen would only be given up when the total amounts due in respect of reparations were settled.

M. Trosquer stated that 3,500 tons of coal and coke were despatched daily. The amount would shortly be doubled. The appeal for voluntary workers in connection with railway service had yielded excellent results. The Committee voted the credits requested by the Governments.

## GERMAN SOCIALISTS DESIRE REPARATIONS SOLUTION.

BERLIN, March 27th.

At the conclusion of a conference between delegates of Allied and German Socialists, a communique has been issued stating that the delegates are unanimously of opinion that the Socialist parties should concentrate in their efforts with a view to ending as quickly as possible the present situation in the Ruhr, and finally solving the reparations question, with due regard to Germany's capacity to pay.

## SECRET GERMAN CUSTOMS BUREAU.

DUESSELDORF, March 27th.

The French have discovered a secret German customs bureau in a private house in the busiest street. They have arrested twenty-five officials found there, also a number of German shopkeepers who had come to pay taxes to the Germans instead of to the French.

*LATEST CABLES.*

## GERMAN LOAN ISSUE.

### INFRINGEMENT OF TREATY OF VERSAILLES.

PARIS, March 27th.

*Le Matin* states that the French representative on the Reparations Commission contended that the German Government had infringed the Treaty of Versailles by issuing a two-hundred million gold mark loan in foreign currencies.

The Commission unanimously decided that Germany was not entitled to issue loans without the authority of the Commission.

Sir John Bradbury and M. Delacroix are drafting a strong note to Germany.

*EARLIER CABLES.*

## AGRICULTURAL STRIKE.

### NORFOLK WORKERS REFUSE REDUCED WAGES.

LONDON, March 27th.

A reduction of their wages to fivepence halfpenny an hour in a fifty-four hour week has resulted in a general strike of agricultural workers in Norfolk, threatening to spread to Cambridgeshire. The farmers have declined offers of mediation, and contend that it is impossible to meet the men's demand of a minimum of sixpence an hour and a fifty-hour week. Both sides recently approached the Government to take measures to relieve the agricultural depression. Mr. Bonar Law was unable to promise either protection or subsidies, and was only able to grant credit facilities to a number of farmers paying union rates, including those on the King's estate at Sandringham, but the union ordered no discrimination and a general strike.

*EARLIER CABLES.*

## THE REPLY TO TURKEY.

### ALLIES REACH COMPLETE AGREEMENT.

LONDON, March 27th.

The Allied conference this afternoon examined the report of the expert committee on the financial and economic and other parts of the Turkish counter-proposals, and reached a complete agreement on all points. The draft text of the reply to Ismet Pasha's note on March 8th was passed subject to final approval by the respective Governments. It is hoped that this will be given within forty-eight hours, when an identical note will be despatched to Constantinople, for transmission to Angora by the British, French, Italian and Japanese representatives.

## GERMAN POLITICS.

### FURTHER ARRESTS OF REVOLUTIONARIES.

BERLIN, March 27th.

The Police have arrested two ex-officers, and Rossbach's secretary, on a charge of complicity in an alleged plot against the German Republic, recently discovered by the police. Rossbach, who is the head of the movement, was arrested a few days ago. The Thuringian Government has declared the extreme Nationalist party illegal.

## WAR CRIMINAL ARRESTED.

### FRENCH CAPTURE U-BOAT COMMANDER.

BERLIN, March 27th.

It is reported from Lippstadt that the French have arrested Capt. Steinbrinck, a U-boat commander, who figures in the list of war criminals on account of the sinking of the steamer *Sussex* in 1916.

## INTER-VARSITY GOLF.

LONDON, March 27th.

At Rye, in glorious weather, the Inter-Varsity golf matches began to-day. In the foursomes Oxford beat Cambridge by 3 to 2 matches. The singles will be played to-morrow.

## A POPULAR BOND ISSUE.

LONDON, March 27th.

Allotments of the new Treasury Bonds are as follows:—Large applicants receive only thirty per cent. Dealings are up to five-eighths per cent. premium.

## EXCHANGE MARKET.

LONDON, March 27th.

In the exchange market French francs are at 70.75, and Belgian at 82.05. Sterling is quoted on New York at 4.68¾.

## TRIBUTES TO THE DIVINE SARAH.

PARIS, March 27th.

A stream of friends and admirers, including both distinguished persons and very humble folk, passed all day long through the house where Sarah Bernhard is lying in state, amidst masses of flowers. The Municipality is defraying the expenses of the funeral, which will take place on Thursday. The ceremony will be a very simply one.

## OBITUARY.

### SIR JAMES DEWAR.

LONDON, March 27th.

The death has occurred of Sir James Dewar.

[The distinguished scientist, who was 80 years of age was co-inventor with Sir Frederick Abel of cordite, and introduced the well-known thermos flask. The knighthood was conferred in 1904.]

# FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## BIG CONFLAGRATION IN JAPAN.

TOKYO, March 28th.

An *Asahi* extra says that a serious conflagration has occurred in two towns in South Formosa. One town of 15,000 houses has been destroyed. In the other town 28,000 houses, mostly native, have been destroyed.

## UPROAR IN JAPANESE PARLIAMENT.

### OPPOSITION MEMBER BADLY MAULED.

TOKYO, March 27th.

The closing of the forty-sixth session of the Imperial Diet came amidst a free fight upon the floor, in which all parties and factions participated.

One member of the anti-Government faction was somewhat badly mauled because he attempted a speech from the rostrum impeaching the Premier and Cabinet. He was pulled down, beaten and kicked, whereupon his supporters joined in the fight.

The Speaker ordered a recess, but upon the Diet reassembling the trouble recommenced. Fortunately midnight struck, the Speaker's gavel fell and at last the session was ended.

## THE S.S. "GLENBEG" REFLOATED.

COPENHAGEN, March 27th.

The steamer *Glenberg*, which was reported ashore on March 25th has been refloated, after discharging her cargo into lighters.

## THE PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF OPIUM.

### PERSIA'S RATIFICATION OF HAGUE CONVENTION.

### THE CONVERSION INTO MORPHIA.

In reply to a letter of the International Anti-Opium Association, asking for information concerning the production and export of opium, Dr. A. C. Millspaugh, Administrator-General of the Finances of Persia, states:—

"The present tax on opium has caused a noticeable decrease in production, but it cannot be considered successful, as the present estimated local consumption is approximately 90,000 lb. per year."

The present export duty on opium is $1.80 per 5.49 lb. Exports for 1921:—

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| China | 12,642 lb. |
| Egypt | 1,570 ,, |
| England | 272,844 ,, |
| India | 11,097 ,, |
| United States | 1 ,, |
| Japan | 23,523 ,, |
| Russia | 32,826 ,, |
| Switzerland | 1 ,, |
| Mesopotamia | 8,631 ,, |
| Total | 362,885 lb. |

Persia was one of the original signatories of the Hague Convention, but at the date of Dr. Millspaugh's letter the Medjlis had not ratified the Convention. It is cause of thankfulness to know that this ratification has since taken place. The League of Nations had brought great pressure to bear on both Persia and Turkey, and a recent decision of the League that countries signatory to the Convention should not import or export to non-signatory countries may have hastened their decision, for Turkey signed the Convention at Lausanne, and Persia has ratified it.

THE EXPORT TO CHINA.

The export to China in 1921 of 12,642 lbs. of opium requires a little explanation. China does not permit the importation of foreign opium except for medical purposes and this amounts to only a few pounds per annum. If the word China connotes Formosa, Tsingtao, Dairen, Macao and Hongkong, explanation is still wanting, for in 1921 Hongkong alone imported for re-exportation 223 chests of Persian opium, which is more than double the above amount stated in pounds. Where did it go?

As Persian opium is imported almost exclusively for morphia manufacture, this one export would more than yield the amount of morphia necessary for the world's medical needs for a year.

## A HONGKONG MUSICAL PRODIGY.

### THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF A CHILD OF 5½.

Hongkong possesses an infant musical prodigy in Master Emil Charles Dannenberg (son of Professor Dannenberg). The child is 5½ years old, and after two months of piano playing he is on the programme to play the following pieces at the annual pianoforte recital by pupils of Professor Dannenberg to be given at the City Hall next Wednesday:—

(a) Morning Praise (Duet), *Edward Johnstone.*
(b) A Legend (Duet), *Edward Johnstone.*
(c) Minuet (Duet).....*Leopold Godowsky.*
(d) A Dream Waltz .....*Gurlitt.*
(e) Catch Me.....*W. G. Smith.*
(f) Darling Heart.....*Adolph Weidig.*

## SHORTHAND AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, KOWLOON.

The results of the Pitman's Shorthand examination held in December have arrived from England and are as follows:

ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATE.—The Misses Alcitha A. Hirst, Edith Dixon, Betty Davidson, Dorothy M. Lyon, Edith Wing, Elsie Wing Eileen Leonard, Mercedes Rosario, Helena Jorge, Hortencia Jorge, Flrence Neave, Maud White.

THEORY CERTIFICATE.—The Misses Helen Harrison, Eileen Bliss, Caroline Tennyson, Dorothy Goodman, Greta I. Mooney, Marjorie White, Maria Prata, Maria Rosario, Marjorie Mason.

60 WORDS A MINUTE CERTIFICATE.—The Misses Eileen E. Aris, Marjorie White, Annie Nunes, Maria Rosario, Parrin Buttonjee, Lyce Oliveira, Laura Gomes, Avelina Souza, Caroline Tennyson.

80 WORDS A MINUTE CERTIFICATE—Miss Greta I. Mooney.

100 WORDS A MINUTE CERTIFICATE—The Misses Ritta Xavier, Violet Van Langenberg, Aurea Baptista, Idalia M. da Laz, Lena Choa.

The students were instructed by Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, F.I.P.S., P.C.T.

A little book of "School Dialogues," which have proved useful in Ellis Kadoorie School has been sent to us. In many cases the Dialogues have been compiled from the Royal Crown Reader books; most of the others were written by the Headmaster of the School (Mr. R. E. O. Bird). The object of the dialogues is stated in the preface to be "to teach the English language by an appeal to the very strong dramatic instinct of Chinese boys." There is no printer's imprint on the book (which by the way renders printer and publisher liable to heavy penalties), but it occurs to us to say that the Dialogues would stand a much better chance of making a successful appeal to teachers and pupils if they were reprinted by some firm of printers competent to undertake the work. From the typographical point of view the present issue of the Dialogues is as unattractive as a Chinese amateur printer can possibly make it.

## PEKIN SYNDICATE.

### BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the Pekin Syndicate, Ltd., was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., last month.

Col. Brinsley J. H. FitzGerald, C.B. (chairman of the company), presided, and, in dealing with the balance sheet, referred to the contingent liability of Frs. 12,500,000. That, he said, was a very delicate matter to touch upon, but he had made up his mind to tell the shareholders the whole of the facts connected with this unfortunate transaction. At the time when the Banque Industrielle de Chine began to get into difficulties, certain bankers came forward to prevent a failure, and large advances were made on the condition that everything available should be pledged to the lenders by the Banque Industrielle. The Pekin Syndicate at that time had approximately Frs. 12,000,000 on deposit with the Banque Industrielle. M. André Berthelot was then the Managing Director of the Pekin Syndicate, and also President of the Banque, and in order to provide additional security to the lenders he endorsed accommodation notes on behalf of the Syndicate in favour of the Banque Industrielle amounting to Frs. 12,500,000. He did that without consulting or informing the Board. In 1915 a resolution had been passed by the directors to the effect that all endorsements must bear the countersignature of the Secretary, and notification of that resolution was sent to and acknowledged by the Banque Industrielle.

Acting under legal advice, the Board of the Pekin Syndicate repudiated any liability on these bills. The case, however, came up for trial, and judgment was given against the Syndicate in the Lower Court in Paris. The directors, of course, decided to appeal, and, if necessary, carry the latter to the Court de Cassation. Litigation, however, would have been prolonged, and litigation might have seriously interfered with the reconstruction of the Banque Industrielle, in which the Syndicate had such a large interest. Briefly, the position was that the Pekin Syndicate was liable for a call on Banque Industrielle shares amounting roughly to £83,000, that a very large proportion of the cash resources of the Syndicate was on deposit at the Banque Industrielle, and on this money an embargo had been placed in connection with the judgment already referred to, and, thirdly, without reconstruction their shares in the Banque were valueless.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT.

Confronted with that position the directors left it to him to see what could be done by negotiations, and an agreement was eventually arrived at between the institution which had obtained judgment against them, the Réglement Transactionnel—acting for the Banque Industrielle—and the Pekin Syndicate, by which the judgment for Frs. 12,500,000 against the Syndicate was withdrawn, in so far that this debt had, in the first instance, to be repaid out of proceeds derived from "Bons de Repartition." Those were to be given as security by the Banque Industrielle, and the Syndicate would only be liable for any balance which might remain due after a period of 10 years. Explaining the meaning of the "Bons de Repartition," the Chairman said that the reconstructed Banque Industrielle was to be managed by a "Société Francaise de Gérance," consisting of a group of some of the most powerful banks in France, and of representatives of the Chinese Government. This Société would receive for management 5 per cent. of the profits after making certain reservations. The remaining 95 per cent. would go to the Banque Industrielle, who would issue to its creditors "Bons de Reparatition" for the exact amount of their debts. Out of the 95 per cent. of the profits and the gradual realisation of assets it was hoped that the annual distribution to the holders of these 'Bons de Repartition" would wipe out the debt, for which they had been apportioned, within 25 years.

The report was unanimously adopted.

## "SHELTERED DAUGHTERS."

Ignorance not always bliss, is the theme of the beautiful screen drama now running at the World Theatre under the title quoted above. It was evident to a large and enthusiastic audience at the World Theatre last night that Realart had a true perception when it made Justice Johnstone a star recently without her having served a long picture apprenticeship. In this fascinating drama she is Jenny Dark, a romantic little bookworm of a girl who has fed upon romantic tales until her ideals of real life are all coloured by the romance of her dramas. Her father, a famous detective, knows so much about humanity's base side that he has determined to shield his motherless daughter from the knowledge of the world's evil. He does not even permit the girl to read the newspapers lest her pure mind be sullied. And then one day a young reporter came to lodge at Jenny's home and showed her a paper packed with fascinating accounts of what was happening in the great world she had never known. That was the beginning of a new life for this little sheltered daughter, and many amazing adventures which will thrill every "fan" who sees Justine Johnstone in this fine drama which will run for the end of this week.

A new issue of bank notes is to make its appearance in Shanghai this week, these being notes of the China and South Sea Bank Ltd. It is stated that as security there is a 100 per cent. cash reserve as well as the guarantee of four well-known local Chinese banks which command a capital, including reserves, of over $20,000,000. Since November, 1922, notes of the China and South Sea Bank have been in circulation in Peking and Tientsin.

## MODERN SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHARES.

### FROM MUNITIONS TO PEACEFUL INDUSTRY.

### SIR W. G. ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH AND CO.'S POST-WAR POLICY.

An interesting example of the Biblical exhortation to convert our "swords into ploughshares," is afforded by the well known firm of Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth Co., Ltd., who, before the late War, were perhaps the largest of the British builders of armaments and men-of-war. Armstrong's connexion with China in past years has consisted chiefly in supplying this country with coastal guns and several warships, the last of which, the *Chao Ho*, was delivered as recently as the year 1913.

During the latter months of the Great War, and whilst Armstrong guns were still raining Armstrong projectiles on the enemy all along the Allied fronts, a committee of Armstrong's officials were sitting in a quiet room in London formulating the post-war policy of this great concern. The result of their deliberations and the reconstruction work undertaken is now being seen all over the world.

COMMERCIAL ALLIANCES.

To carry out the aim of this committee it became necessary to form a number of alliances with already existing commercial undertakings, and the wise foresight which was shown in the selection of these is to be seen from the present day list of companies which are affiliated to the Armstrong parent company. To realize the enormous range now covered by Armstrong Whitworth and their associated companies in the engineering world it will interest our readers to glance at this group and what they manufacture.

To take first the associated companies, there are Armstrongs & Main, Ld., who make bridges, dock gates, steel buildings, cranes, capstans, pumping plants, fencing, gates, and railings; Armstrong Siddeley Motors, Ld., who turn out the well known motor cars and aeroplanes; Pearson & Knowles, Ld., manufacturers of wheels and axles, iron rods, iron sections, wire rods, light rails, etc.; Rylands Brothers, Ld., makers of all kinds of wire and wire rope, wire netting, nails, etc.; Warrington Wire Rope Works, Ld., also makers of wire ropes, etc.; Partington Steel Works, Ld., who turn out very great quantities of steel ingots, billets, bars, blooms, rails, and sections; Cromptons, Ld., manufacturers of all classes of electrical machinery; Charles Walmsley & Co., Ld., makers of paper making machinery.

The products manufactured by the parent company at their various works are as follows:—Ships of every description, train ferries, floating docks artillery and ammunition, all kinds of marine engines, drop forgings, large and medium forgings, pneumatic tools, brass castings, sheets, bars, bearing metals, small oil engines and lighting outfits, all classes of locomotives, iron castings, special foundry pig, armour plate and bullet proof plate of all kinds, water turbines, paper making machinery, machine tools, small tools, tool and alloy steels, steam road rollers and all road-making plants, etc.

Perhaps the most important of the post war rearrangements was the organizing of the Armstrong Whitworth civil engineering and contracting department which looks like becoming one of the largest civil engineering concerns in the British Empire.

THE HUMBER RIVER PLANT.

With such wide resources at the disposal of their civil engineers it is easy to appreciate how admirably equipped the Armstrong Whitworth Co. is to undertake projects of the greatest magnitude, and a big contract recently secured by them in Newfoundland is worth looking at as affording a good example of the field covered by this firm in its post-war engineering work.

We refer to what is known as the "Humber River Plan" and we cannot do better than quote a description of this scheme which appeared recently in one of the leading English papers:—

"The Armstrong Whitworth Co. of London and the Tyne, will commence work at once, breaking ground on the Humber River, Newfoundland, preparatory to the erection of an 18 million dollar plant. The British Treasury has guaranteed six millions of dollars towards this project.

"The plant will be located on the Humber River at Bay Islands, on the west coast of the Colony—a wide, deep rapid stream, which when properly dammed, should develop enormous electric power. For several miles from its mouth it is navigable to ocean going steamers, and for shipment of products by water all that is necessary is the erection of suitable piers. Another big advantage which the site possesses is that the Reid River Newfoundland Railway skirts the Humber for upwards of 30 miles, both railway line and stream running through virgin wilderness, rich in spruce and fir woods, both necessary for the successful manufacture of first class paper.

"Associated with Armstrong Whitworth in this gigantic undertaking are the well known firms of Babcock and Wilcox, the British Thompson Houston Co., and Balfour, Beatty and Co., the combination thus formed being known as the "B" Power Securities Co."

ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH IN THE FAR EAST.

With a view to obtaining their share in the commercial markets of the Far East, and developing the sales of their post-war products, Armstrong Whitworth, for the last two years, have had their resident representatives in this part of the world.

These representatives, who have been for many years in the company's service, have in their turn appointed local agents throughout China and the Far East generally, and now that these negotiations have been completed, it is expected that Armstrong Whitworth & Co. will take a leading part in the future commercial development of this and other countries in the Far East, just as, in the past, they were greatly instrumental in building up the naval and military positions now held by many of the world's nations.—*N. C. Daily News.*

## £100,000 FOR RESEARCH.

Sir Alfred Yarrow has offered to the Royal Society £100,000, to be used at the discretion of the Council of the Society in promoting scientific research. The President and Council have gratefully accepted the gift.

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## MANNERS AND MEN.

The praiser of past times has no difficulty in finding in present-day life ground for the complaint that manners have deteriorated. He sees children treating parents and elders no longer with an awful and distant respect, but with a tolerant and almost patronizing friendliness; he finds men slangy and familiar in the company of women, and women no less slangy and familiar in the company of men. The sexes struggle with little give and much take for the crowded train or omnibus; it cannot be assumed that a man will offer a standing woman his seat, that she will take it, and thank him for it if he rises to the height of the sacrifice. If manners were merely the equivalent of ceremonious deportment, the criticism could hardly be gainsaid. The criticism, indeed, seems to imply that manners are valuable in and for themselves, and that they are capable of direct and separate acquisition. There is a good deal to be said in support of such a view. Lack of manners can certainly cause much discomfort, and even much pain. It is little relief to the man or woman suffering under neglect or affront to be told that the offender has a good heart, or that it is in the right place. Even beyond any such negatively-grounded desirability, good manners have a positive value. They tide over many a painful situation, smooth many a rough passage, turn many an awkward corner. Tennyson's King Arthur even ranked courtliness with—

the desire of fame,
And love of truth, and all that makes a man.

In a sense, too, manners may be taught. Few of us are without vivid childish recollections of the process; few, even as adults, have not come across the social guide-book which tells how many cards to leave when calling, how to answer kind invitations correctly in the third person, and how to restrain oneself from undue familiarity with the lady who drops her parcel in the street. But all that is hardly the conclusion of the whole matter. The critic is still in the outer courts. Ultimately, manners have no real significance and no truth, apart from the character of which they are the outcome and the expression. They are no reach-me-downs, externally fashioned and applied to cover any sort of a body. They are not even suits made to measure. For they are not put on from without, but grow outward from within. They are, in short, the product of personality. Their appearance may, indeed, be aped temporarily. The outside of the cup and the platter may be washed; the sepulchre may be whitened. Such devices may for a time serve to cloak the unpleasant realities within, but only for a time. In the last resort, good manners draw their life from thought for others and postponement of self. Only in that soil do they spring spontaneously. In any other, however carefully planted, they have no root, and wither away. The critic of manners, to be justified of his criticism, must push his inquisition back beyond the veil of outward show, and confront the spirit which dwells within. Though we have it on highly respectable authority that "Manners makyth man," the greater truth is that it is the man that makes the manners.—*Times.*

## HUMAN SACRIFICE.

### MAN BURNT AS OFFERING TO RAIN GOD.

Following the continued drought in Rhodesia a native was publicly burnt to death as an offering to the rain god.

For some time past the elders of the Mtawara tribe, alarmed at the delayed rain and the poor crops following a famine, have been holding councils led by a rain doctor. The outcome was a decision to offer to the rain god Mwari a human victim. The choice fell upon a man named Mtegedi, whose preference for one of his fellow-tribesmen's wives had been noted and resented. The fact that the man was a brother of the injured husband and a son of the rain doctor did not save him.

Mtegedi was bound and dragged to the pyre, around which a crowd of natives had gathered, and thrown to the flames.

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Slides were shown of the streets of Pompeii as they are now and reconstructed as they must have been in the past. The streets were paved with slabs of lava.

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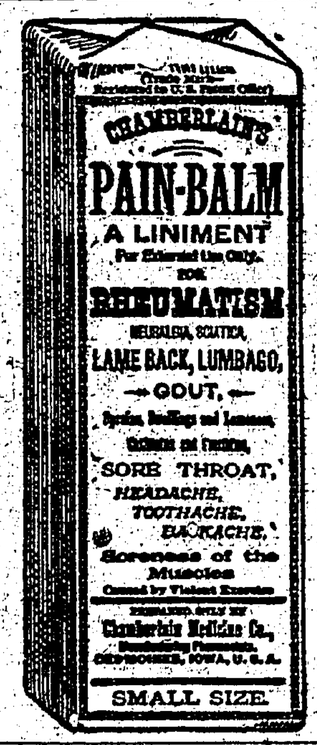
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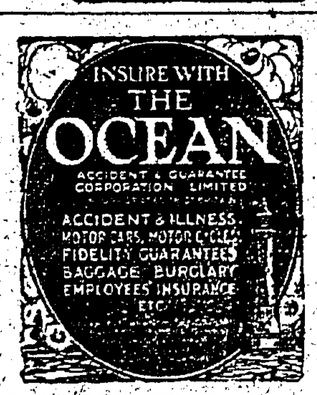
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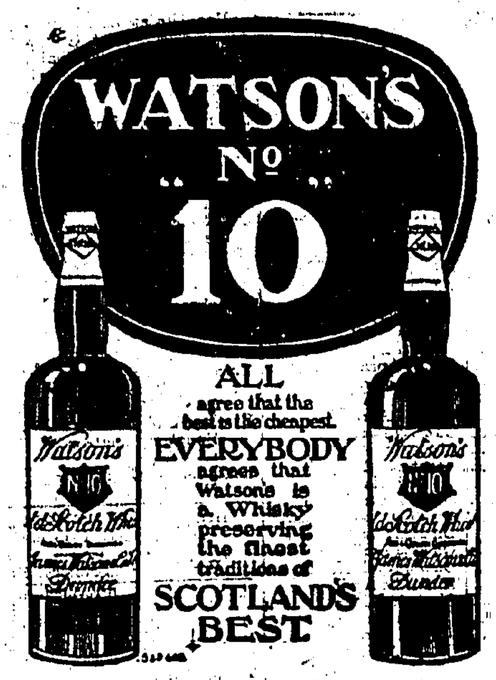


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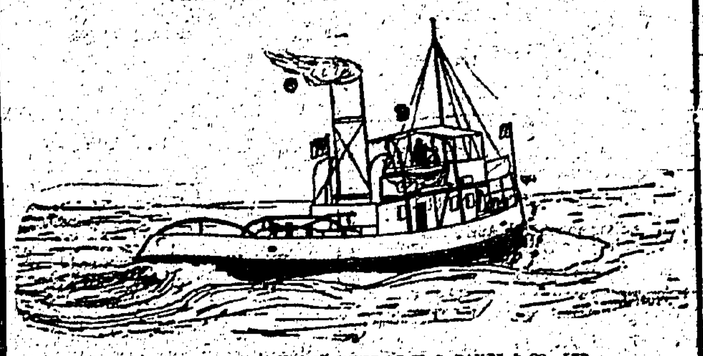
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## WIND-JAMMERS:

### WHY SAIL MAY COME BACK.

Sir Herbert Russell writing in the *Naval and Military Record* says:—

The loss of the brand-new German five-masted barque *Adolf Venner* on the rocks off the Lizard will appeal to all sailormen as a very regrettable affair. The fact that she was German-owned will not tincture sentiment with much consolation, for a ship cannot help her nationality. The *Cutty Sark* made the same claim on seafaring affection after she had been sold to the Portuguese and rigged as a barquentine as in the days of her tea-clipper triumphs. To sailors the *Adolf Venner* was just a splendid specimen of the modern wind-jammer, and there are so few of these now afloat that the loss of one is bound to cause more regret than the disappearance of any other type of vessel to be met with on the high seas.

But is it not probable that we may witness a considerable return of the big sailing ship in the not distant future? The idea certainly gains colour from the fact that the *Adolf Venner* was only completed some three months ago, and therefore stood as a practical example of material belief in the revival of sail power, in Germany at any rate. In fact, the Continent has never discarded the big sailing ship to the same degree as our own owners. For years past the Rickmars of Hamburg and Bord Freres of Bordeaux have maintained fleets of magnificent five-masted clippers, whilst the Scandinavians have been steadily buying up the British square-riggers, which down to the end of the last century continued to ply in the Australian wool trade and to bring nitrate and wheat from South America.

STILL PROFITABLE.

It is a reasonable assumption that French, German, and Scandinavian ship owners are persuaded it is still possible to run big sailing vessels to profitable advantage, otherwise they would not continue to build or to buy them. The Americans evince similar faith, only that they prefer the fore-and-aft rig. No doubt a five-masted schooner is less costly to turn out and cheaper to work than a five-masted square-rigged ship, although she would not possess the same all-round qualities of speed.

The *Adolf Venner* carried a crew of 25 officers and men. I have no definite data upon the subject, but I think we may take it that her deadweight capacity would be at least 5,000 tons. Probably a steamer of corresponding freight capacity would be run on a rather smaller pay bill. But interest on her higher capital cost and fuel consumption would make her a more expensive proposition on a voyage of equal time duration. It is in consequence of her ability to save more time on a passage than represents the difference in respective working costs that she has replaced the sailing ship as a commercial proposition.

It comes to this, then, that if a sailing ship could carry 5,000 tons of cargo from port to port in the same length of time which the average freight steamer would occupy, and make her passages with the same degree of reliability, she would command preference from owners. For sail power is not only the cheapest form of propulsion, it is the most reliable in the world—always supposing wind enough to render it effective.

But the foregoing "if" is obviously beyond the practicability of everyday realisation. A fine sailing ship in the Trades or the Roaring Forties will best any freight steamer by knots, probably give points to any mailboat she is likely to encounter on these routes. The *Adolf Venner*, with as much as she could comfortably stand up to under all plain sail, and with her braces slightly checked, should have been good for sixteen knots. There would be nothing approaching record breaking in such a speed. The fastest day's run ever recorded by a clipper ship stands, appropriately enough, to the credit of the *Lightning*—less than half the size of the *Adolf Venner*—which logged 433 miles. The greatest speed through the water for any sailing ship of which authentic record exists was entered in the log of the *James Baines*, under date of June 18th, 1856. The passage runs: "8.30 p.m.—In all starboard studsails, ship going 21 knots with main skysail set."

OVERCOMING DOLDRUMS.

But it is the days of calm, or of shy winds, which kill the sailing ship as a passage-maker. She may do twelve knots for a week on end, and then only two knots for the next week, so that her fortnight's average will only be seven knots, or considerably worse than that of a second-rate "ditcher."

But suppose a sailing ship to be installed with auxiliary motors capable of giving her a speed of about six knots in the "doldrums," as in the case of the *Adolf Venner*, we should get a fortnight's average of nine knots under the conditions presupposed in the foregoing paragraph. Now this is good enough to attract any number of charters. It means ensuring a minimum of six knots throughout the voyage, for when the wind and sea gather too much weight to enable the motors to maintain that speed, sail power will take up the work, and improve upon it.

Foreign shipowners are realizing this; hence the advent of vessels of the type of the German five-masted barque which recently went ashore on the Lizard rocks. But are our own shipowners as yet showing similar faith in the future possibilities of the auxiliary sailing ship? They are building bigger and still bigger motor craft pure and simple. But the motor sailing ship is surely a proposition of great economy and of greater all-round speed. There would be nothing remarkable in her making a passage from London to Sydney at twelve knots all the way, using her motor power, let us say, for one-third of the voyage. We are still a long way from the time when the internal-combustion driven vessel, of five thousand tons deadweight capacity, will be able to accomplish a like performance on sufficiently economic lines to rival the auxiliary sailing ship.

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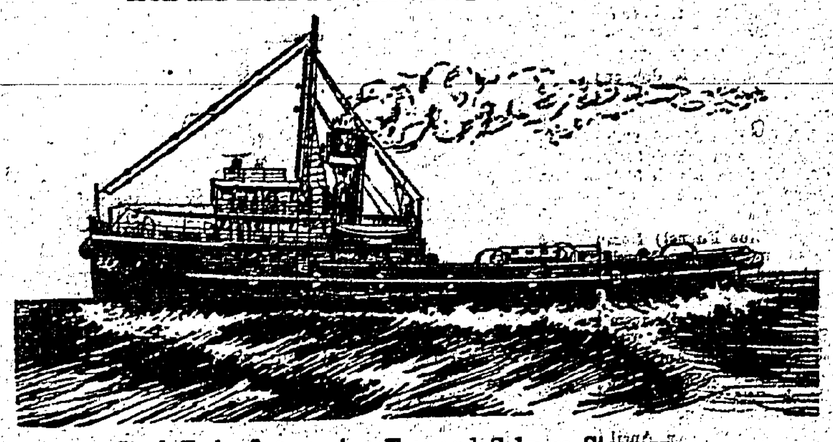
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*Awa Maru*, Japanese str., 3,747 tons. Capt. S. Takeda, from Moji, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

*Camillo*, British str., 3,149 tons, Capt. W. H. Towill, from Shanghai.—Asiatic Petroleum & Co.

*Cheong Shing*, British str., 1,256 tons, Capt. E. Tapsell, from Tientsin, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

*Hai Foong*, British str., 1,148 tons, Capt. Ellis Walker, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—D. & L.

*Hupeh*, British str., 1,205 tons, Capt. A. McDowell, from Saigon and Swatow.—B. & S.

*Hydrangea*, British str., 561 tons, Capt. W. J. Collom, R.N.R., from Swatow, with a general cargo.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

*Kaijo Maru*, Japanese str., 1,126 tons, Capt. T. Motoshige, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.

*Kalgan*, British str., 1,556 tons, Capt. D. R. Davies, from Bangkok, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

*Kwanglee*, Chinese str., 1,468 tons, Capt. C. Stewart, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—C.M.S.N. Co.

*Kwong Sang*, British str., 1,422 tons, Capt. W. F. Bichard, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

*Sanka Maru*, Japanese str., 1,508 tons, Capt. I. Furukawa, from Miike, with coal.—M.B.K.

*Sinkiang*, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. C. W. Puckett, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

*Surabaya Maru*, Japanese str., 2,723 tons, Capt. J. Fujita, from Surabaya, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.

*Takada*, British str., 4,223 tons, Capt. P. W. Rowe, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

*Tjimanoek*, Dutch str., 3,510 tons, Capt. J. R. Buys, from Deiren, with a general cargo.—J.C.J.L.

*Van Overstraten*, Dutch str., 2,838 tons, Capt. J. J. Claasen, from Amoy, with a general cargo.—J.C.J.L.

*Vulcanus*, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. P. Philipp, from Tamsui.—Asiatic Petroleum & Co.

*Yuetsuh*, Chinese str., 865 tons, Capt. W. Kun, from Tourane, with a general cargo.—Lucn Fat.

## CLEARANCES.

March 28th.

*Awa Maru*, for Singapore.
*Hakozaki Maru*, for Shanghai.
*Hydrangea*, for Swatow.
*Kwanglee*, for Canton.
*Kweilin*, for Canton.
*Pakhoi*, for Canton.
*Ryusei Maru*, for Bangkok.
*Sinkiang*, for Canton.
*Sunli*, for K. C. Wan.
*Tailee*, for Foochow.
*Tenkai Maru*, for Bangkok.
*Tjipanas*, for Saigon.
*Vulcanus*, for Amoy.
*West Prospect*, for Manila.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The s.s. *Kanchow* (Australian Oriental line) left Shanghai on March 25th (*via* Swatow), and is due in Hongkong to-day.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* left Kobe on March 28th, at noon, and is due at Yokohama at 9 a.m., to-day.

The s.s. *Bellerophon* (Blue Funnel) from New York, left Cebu on March 27th for Hongkong, is due here on March 31st. Vessel will be despatched on March 31st, p.m., for London, Amsterdam and Antwerp *via* Singapore.

The s.s. *Tyndareus* (Blue Funnel) from Pacific ports, left Nagasaki on March 27th for this port, and is due here on March 31st, daylight.

The s.s. *Perseus* (Blue Funnel) from Liverpool, left Singapore on March 27th for this port, and is due here on April 1st.

The s.s. *Glaucus* (Blue Funnel) left Liverpool on March 24th for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai, and is due here on April 28th.

The s.s. *Laomedon* (Blue Funnel) left Port Said on March 25th for London, Hull, Rotterdam and Homburg.

The s.s. *Peleus* (Blue Funnel) left Port Said on March 28th for Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool and Glasgow.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Dakar Maru* (Liverpool line) left Singapore for Hongkong on March 27th, and is expected here on April 2nd.

## SIAM STEAMSHIP CO.

In January, it will be remembered, the Siam Steamship Co., Ltd., decided to increase the capital by Tcs. 500,000 and that 90 per cent. be paid on the first call. The Yamato hears that not one of the 5,000 shares then offered to the shareholders has been taken up, and that the Ministry of Finance has come to the rescue. That Ministry, it is stated, has got the consent of His Majesty the King and proposes to acquire the whole of the 5,000 shares in order to keep the Company alive.—*Bangkok Times.*

## MISFORTUNES OF THE "PRODUCE."

The steamer *Produce* arrived at Bangkok on March 13th some days overdue. While at Java during her last voyage she had a collision with a lighter at Sourabaya without apparently suffering any damage. But when out at sea, after a couple of days, the propeller lost one blade, which had evidently been cracked as a result of the collision. She is now at the Bangkok Dock, where she will be dipped sufficiently to fix a new propeller before setting out on the next voyage.

## FIRE ON THE "SADO MARU."

There was an outbreak of fire on board the N.Y.K. steamer *Sado Maru* at Shanghai last week. The steamer had arrived from Calcutta with a full cargo, and berthed alongside the N.Y.K. Wayside wharf. She proceeded to discharge her Shanghai cargo and at shortly after ten o'clock at night, unloading operations ceased for resumption next day. All seemed to be well, and the hatches were battened down again. At half past ten, a quarter-master who was on watch observed smoke issuing from a ventilator connected with No. 4 hatch, and, immediately gave the alarm. The outbreak was quenched by 3.15 a.m., but the cargo included some inflammable goods and for this reason the amount of damage done in the No. 4 hatch was fairly serious. Of the cargo destroyed, there were jute, rape seed cakes and rape seed, and also about a hundred tons of Rangoon rice.

One of the River Police, named Haley, fell between the ship and wharf, but fortunately was got up again only slightly shaken.

Sub-Officer Newington, working at the top of the hold on the main deck, was overcome by coke and collapsed. He was treated by the ship's doctor and later sent to the Victoria Nursing Home. It is thought that perhaps he may have been affected by carbon monoxide.

With the object of sinking the Ship Subsidy Bill, Senator Sheppard, of Texas, delivered a speech which occupied ten hours and twenty-five minutes. The printing of his oration in the Congressional report cost about £300. Senator Hefflin proposed to beat this record with a still longer speech.

# VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

| DESTINATION | VESSEL'S NAME | FLAG | FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO | TO BE DESPATCHED |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEW YORK & PANAMA | Taketoyo Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On Middle April |
| NEW YORK & BOSTON | Slavic Prince | Brit. | Prince Line | On 3rd April |
| BOSTON & NEW YORK via SUEZ | Eurybates | Brit. | The Bank Line, Limited | On 5th April |
| SAN FRANCISCO | Elkridge | Am. | Struthers & Barry | On 9th April |
| SAN FRANCISCO via SHAI & JAP. PORTS & H'LU. | President Cleveland | Am. | Pacific Mail S.S. Co. | On 29th Mar. |
| VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C., via SHANGHAI, &c. | Empress Russia | Brit. | Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd. | About 19th April. |
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via SHAI. & PORTS. | Yokohama Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 5th April |
| VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE & TACOMA | Arabia Maru | Jap. | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | On 7th April, 10 a.m. |
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER | Tyndareus | Brit. | Butterfield & Swire | On 24th April |
| VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c. | Empress Canada | Brit. | Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd. | On 7th April |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP | Dongola | Brit. | P. & O.-B. L. & A. L. | On 4th April |
| MARSEILLES, &c. | Porthos | Fren. | Messageries Maritimes | On 2nd April |
| MARSEILLES, &c. | Armand Behic | Fren. | Messageries Maritimes | On 17th April |
| MARSEILLES, &c. | Paul Lecat | Fren. | Messageries Maritimes | On 1st May |
| MARSEILLES, L'DON., ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c. | Fushimi Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 11th April |
| MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM | City of Poona | Brit. | The Bank Line, Ltd. | On 28th April |
| MARSEILLES, GENOA, LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW | Antilochus | Brit. | Butterfield & Swire | On 6th April |
| LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP | Ballerophon | Brit. | Butterfield & Swire | On 31st Mar. |
| LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP & HAVRE | Paris Maru | Jap. | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | On 7th April |
| LONDON, GENOA, HULL, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG | Pembrokeshire | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd | On 10th April |
| ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN | Saparoea | Dut. | Java-China-Japan-Lijn | On 30th Mar. |
| ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG | Carl Legien | Ger. | Reuter Brockelmann & Co. | About 16th April |
| PORT SAID, VALENCIA, BORDEAUX, HAVRE, ANT., DUN. | C. M. Maillol | Fren. | Messageries Maritimes | About middle April |
| BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO | Awa Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 29th Mar. |
| STRAITS & CALCUTTA | Kwaisang | Brit. | Jardines, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 31st Mar., Noon |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & BOMBAY | Soudan | Brit. | P. & O.-B. L. & A. L. | On 30th Mar., 11 a.m. |
| SINGAPORE & BELAWAN-DELI | Van Overstraten | Dut. | Java-China-Japan-Lijn | On 30th Mar. |
| BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE | Venezia | Brit. | Dodwell & Co., Ltd. | On 28th April |
| HAIPHONG | Nanning | Brit. | Butterfield & Swire | On 5th April, Noon |
| HAIPHONG via HAIHOW & PAKHOI | Mishima Maru | Jap. | Yamashita Kisen Kaisha | About 7th April |
| KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY | Taikwa Maru | Jap. | Yamashita Kisen Kaisha | About 30th Mar. |
| SANDAKAN | Hinsang | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 20th April, 2 p.m. |
| AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA | Yoshino Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 18th April |
| AUSTRALIAN PORTS | Arafura | Brit. | P. & O.-B. L. & A. L. | On 7th April |
| SHANGHAI via SWATOW | Taisang | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 6th April, Noon |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | Dakar Maru | Jap. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | On 2nd April |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | Paul Lecat | Fren. | Messageries Maritimes | On |
| SHANGHAI, PUKOW, HANKOW & TAKOU | Lt. St. Loubert-Bie | Fren. | Messageries Maritimes | On 30th Mar. |
| SHANGHAI & JAPAN | Kashgar | Brit. | P. & O.-B. L. & A. L. | On 8th April |
| SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO | Sinkiang | Brit. | Butterfield & Swire | On 31st Mar., D.L. |
| SHANGHAI | Venezia | Brit. | Dodwell & Co., Ltd. | About 11th April |
| BATAVIA | Tjimanoek | Dut. | Java-China-Japan Lijn | About 2nd April |
| JAPAN PORTS | Shunko Maru | Jap. | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | On 6th May |
| TIENTSIN | Cheongshing | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 3rd April, Noon |
| SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA | Tjitarum | Dut. | Java-China-Japan Lijn | About 3rd April |
| CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE & RANGOON | Malay Maru | Jap. | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | On 12th Apr. |
| BANGKOK via HOIHOW | Chunsang | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 21st Apr., 10 a.m. |
| SWATOW & BANGKOK | Kalgan | Brit. | Butterfield & Swire | On 3rd April, Noon |
| SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW | Haiching | Brit. | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | On 3rd April, 1 p.m. |
| SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW | Haifoong | Brit. | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | On 30th Mar., 12 Noon |
| MANILA | Loongsang | Brit. | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. | On 29th Mar., 3 p.m. |
| MANILA | President Pierce | Brit. | Pacific Mail S.S. Co. | On 2nd April |
| MANILA & SINGAPORE | West Chopaka | Am. | Struthers & Barry | On 13th April |

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

*Amboise* (M.M.), due April 24th.
*André Lebon* (M.M.), due April 10th.
*Empress of Russia*, due April 12th.
*Eurylochus* (Blue Funnel), due April 14th.
*Lt. St. Loubert-Bie* due March 30th.
*Mentor* (Blue Funnel), due April 13th.
*Ningchow* (Blue Funnel), due April 21st.
*Paul Lecat* (M.M.), due to-day, 7 a.m.
*Perseus* (Blue Funnel), due April 1st.
*President Pierce*, due April 1st.
*President Wilson* (Pacific Mail), due
*Soudan* (P. & O.), due to-day, at noon.
*Tanda* (B. I.), due April 1st, a.m.
*Tokushima Maru* (N.Y.K.), due March 31st.


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MATSUMOTO MARU ... Sunday, 15th April.

**LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.**
LYONS MARU ... Friday, 6th April.

**SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, &c.**
YOSHINO MARU ... Wednesday, 18th April.
AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 16th May.

**NEW YORK & BOSTON via PANAMA.**
TAKETOYO MARU ... Middle April.

**BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Delagoa Bay, Durban & Cape Town.**
KANAGAWA MARU ... Friday, 13th April.

**BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.**
AWA MARU ... Thursday, 29th Mar.
TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Sunday, 1st April.

**CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.**
MURORAN MARU ... Sunday, 8th April.

**NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.**
AKI MARU ... Thursday, 12th April.

**SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.**
DAKAR MARU ... Monday, 2nd April.
KITANO MARU ... Wednesday, 11th April.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

Mar. 28th at 12.35.—Pressure has increased considerably at Guam, moderately at Vladivostock and Shanghai, and slightly over Tongking; slightly to moderate decreases are general elsewhere. Depressions are shown to the north of Hokkaido and over Annam. The typhoon is situated about 340 miles to the W.N.W. of Guam probably moving on a N.W. or W.N.W. track.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 28th Mar., 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.18 inches, against an average of 5.75 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon, 29th Mar., is as follows:—

| DISTRICT | FORECAST |
|---|---|
| Hongkong to Gap Rock | Light northerly or variable winds; fine generally. |
| Formosa Channel | The same as No. 1. |
| South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks | The same as No. 1. |
| South coast of China between Hongkong and Haiman | The same as No. 1. |

## HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, March 28th.

| | Previous Day at 2 p.m. | On Date at 6 a.m. | On Date at 2 p.m. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Barometer | 29.85 | 29.85 | 29.82 |
| Temperature | 72 | 65 | 82 |
| Humidity | 75 | 93 | 49 |
| Wind Direction | E | Calm | W |
| " Force | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Weather | 0 | M | B |
| Rain | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Highest open-air Temperature on 27th ... 75
Lowest open-air Temperature on 28th ... 65

## HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Mar. 29th to Apr. 4th, 1923.

| Days of Week | Days of Month | High Water H'kong Standard Time. | High Water Height. | Low Water H'kong Standard Time. | Low Water Height. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | h m. | ft in. | h. m. | ft. in |
| Thur. | 29 | m 7 33 | 4 9 | m 1 25 | 1 6 |
| | | 8 56 a | 6 8 | 0 40 a | 3 3 |
| Frl. | 30 | m 8 10 | 5 2 | m 2 3 | 1 4 |
| | | 7 49 a | 7 1 | 1 28 a | 2 7 |
| Satur | 31 | m 8 41 | 5 7 | m 2 39 | 1 3 |
| | | 8 42 a | 7 3 | 2 29 a | 2 2 |
| Sun. | 1 | m 9 13 | 5 1 | m 3 14 | 1 3 |
| | | 9 24 a | 7 0 | 3 18 a | 1 7 |
| Mon. | 2 | m 9 46 | 5 4 | m 3 48 | 1 5 |
| | | 10 29 a | 6 6 | 4 6 a | 1 3 |
| Tues. | 3 | m 10 22 | 5 6 | m 4 23 | 1 3 |
| | | 11 27 a | 6 2 | 4 55 a | 1 1 |
| Wed. | 4 | m 11 1 | 5 7 | m 4 59 | 2 3 |
| | | | | 5 46 a | 1 2 |

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 12th prox., or they will not be recognised.

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2 HAIPOONG ... | Capt. Ellis Walker | Friday, 30th Mar., at 12 Noon.
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| "KASHGAR" | 9,000 | 16th May | do. |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,700 | 19th May | S'pore., Penang, Colombo & Bombay |
| "NYANZA" | 7,000 | 30th May | Marseilles, London & Antwerp. |
| "SARDINIA" | 6,580 | 13th June | do. |
| "DELTA" | 8,097 | 27th June | do. |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 11th July | do. |
| "DEVANHA" | 8,098 | 25th July | do. |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,696 | 26th July | S'pore., Penang, Colombo & Bombay |
| "KHIVA" | 8,017 | 8th Aug. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp. |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| "TANDA" | 6,956 | 3rd Apr., 1 p.m. | Calcutta via Singapore & Penang |
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| "JAPAN" | 6,000 | 12th Apr. | do. |

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|---|---|---|---|
| "ARAFURA" | 6,000 | 7th Apr. | Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne. |

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|---|---|---|---|
| "TAKADA" | 6,949 | 30th Mar., D.L. | Amoy, Moji & Kobe. |
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|---|---|---|
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| SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ... ... ... | "SINKIANG" ... | On 31st Mar., D.L. |
| HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG ... | "HUPEH" ... | On 31st Mar., 10 a.m. |
| SWATOW, SHANGHAI & PUKOW ... | "KANCHOW" ... | On 1st Apr., Noon. |
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The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.
There will be one collection from the Pillar Boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.
There will be one delivery from the Branch Offices each day at noon.

The Parcel Post Service to Kwaichow via Yunnan is suspended. Parcels addressed Kwaichow will, until further notice, be accepted only at senders' risk and will be forwarded via Shanghai and Changteh (Hunan).

### INWARD MAILS.

| From | Per | Due |
|---|---|---|
| Saigon ... ... ... ... ... | *P. Lecat* ... ... | 29th inst. |
| Shanghai ... ... ... ... ... | *Kaichow* ... ... | 29th inst. |
| Shanghai ... ... ... ... ... | *Soudan* ... ... | 29th inst. |
| Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers), London, 1st March ... | *Scistan* ... ... | 31st inst. |
| Japan ... ... ... ... ... | *Tokushima Maru* | 31st inst. |
| Saigon ... ... ... ... ... | *Li. Saint Loubert* | 31st inst. |
| Japan ... ... ... ... ... | *Tanda* ... ... | 1st Apr. |
| Manila ... ... ... ... ... | *Pres. McKinley* ... | 2nd Apr. |
| U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ... ... | *Pres. Jackson* | 5th Apr. |
| London (Parcels, 28th Feb.) ... ... | *Kashgar* ... ... | 7th April. |

### OUTWARD MAILS.

| For | Per | Date. |
|---|---|---|
| Swatow, Amoy and Takao ... ... ... | *Soshu Maru* ... | Thursday 29th, 8.00 A M |
| Takao ... ... ... ... ... | *Macassar Maru* ... | 11.00 A M |
| Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India, via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt & Brindisi ... | *Trieste* ... ... | 1.00 P M |
| Shanghai and Japan ... ... ... ... | *Paul Lecat* ... | 1.30 P M |
| Philippine Islands ... ... ... ... | *Loongsang* ... | 2.00 P M |
| Bangkok ... ... ... ... ... | *Rynsei Maru* ... | 2.30 P M |
| Saigon ... ... ... ... ... | *Pong Tong* ... | 2.30 P M |
| Takao ... ... ... ... ... | *Sourabaya Maru* | 2.30 P M |
| Shanghai ... ... ... ... ... | *Havana Maru* ... | 3.30 P M |
| Amoy and Japan ... ... ... ... | *Takuda* ... ... | 5.00 P M |
| Shanghai ... ... ... ... ... | *Worcester Castle* | 5.00 P M |
| Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via D'hanushkodi Bombay and Aden ... ... ... | *Soudan* ... ... | 5.00 P M |
| Swatow Amoy and Foochow ... ... ... | *Haifong* ... ... | Friday, 30th, 9.00 A M |
| Batavia Samarang and Sourabaya... ... | *Bankoeng Maru* ... | 9.00 A M |
| Shanghai ... ... ... ... ... | *Sinkiang* ... ... | 9.00 A M |
| *Swatow, *Amoy and Keelung ... ... | *Taiwan Maru* ... | 9.00 A M |
| Bangkok ... ... ... ... ... | *Tenkai Maru* ... | 9.00 A M |
| Amoy ... ... ... ... ... ... | *Kwaisang* ... | Saturday, 31st, 9.00 A M |
| Straits and Egypt ... ... ... ... | *Bellerophon* ... | 9.00 A M |
| Hoihow and Pakhoi ... ... ... ... | *Hupeh* ... ... | 9.00 A M |
| | | APRIL. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Keelung ... ... ... | *Kasjo Maru* ... | Sunday, 1st, 9.00 A M |
| Haiphong, Saigon, *Straits, *Ceylon, *Mauritius, *L. Marques, *South Africa, *India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 4th May ... ... | *Porthos* ... ... | Monday, 2nd. Registration 9.00 A M. Letters 9.00 A M |
| Java via Batavia ... ... ... ... | *Tjimanuck* ... | 9.00 A M |
| Amoy ... ... ... ... ... | *Lucie* ... ... | 9.00 A M |
| *Swatow and Bangkok ... ... ... | *Kaiyan* ... | Tuesday 3rd, 10.30 A M |
| Straits and Calcutta ... ... ... | *Tanda* ... ... | 11.30 A M |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... ... ... | *Haicheng* ... | Noon |
| Philippine Islands ... ... ... ... | *Tsan* ... ... | 2.00 P M |
| Saigon ... ... ... ... ... | *Kiulu Maru* ... | 2.00 P M |
| Keelung and Honolulu ... ... ... | *Shinyo Maru* ... | 2.30 P M |
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| Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt & Europe via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 5th May ... ... ... | *Dongola* ... | Parcels:—3rd, 5.00 P M. Wednesday, 4th, Registration 9.00 A M. Letters... 9.00 A M |
| Straits and Calcutta ... ... ... ... | *Lake Faulk* ... | 3.30 P M |
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| On London.— | |
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| Bank Bill, on demand ... | 2/4 1/16 |
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| Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ... ... ... | 2/5 1/16 |
| On Paris.— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand ... | 830 |
| Credits, 4 months' sight ... | 830 |
| On New York.— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand ... | 55½ |
| Credits, at 60 days' sight | 56F |
| On Bombay.— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer ... | — |
| Bank Bills, on demand ... | 174 |
| On Calcutta.— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer ... | — |
| Bank Bills, on demand ... | 174 |
| On Shanghai.— | |
| Bank Bills, at sight ... | nom. |
| Private, 30 days' sight ... | — |
| On Yokohama.—On demand ... | 113 |
| On Manila.—On demand ... | 108½ |
| On Singapore.—On demand ... | 99½ |
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For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
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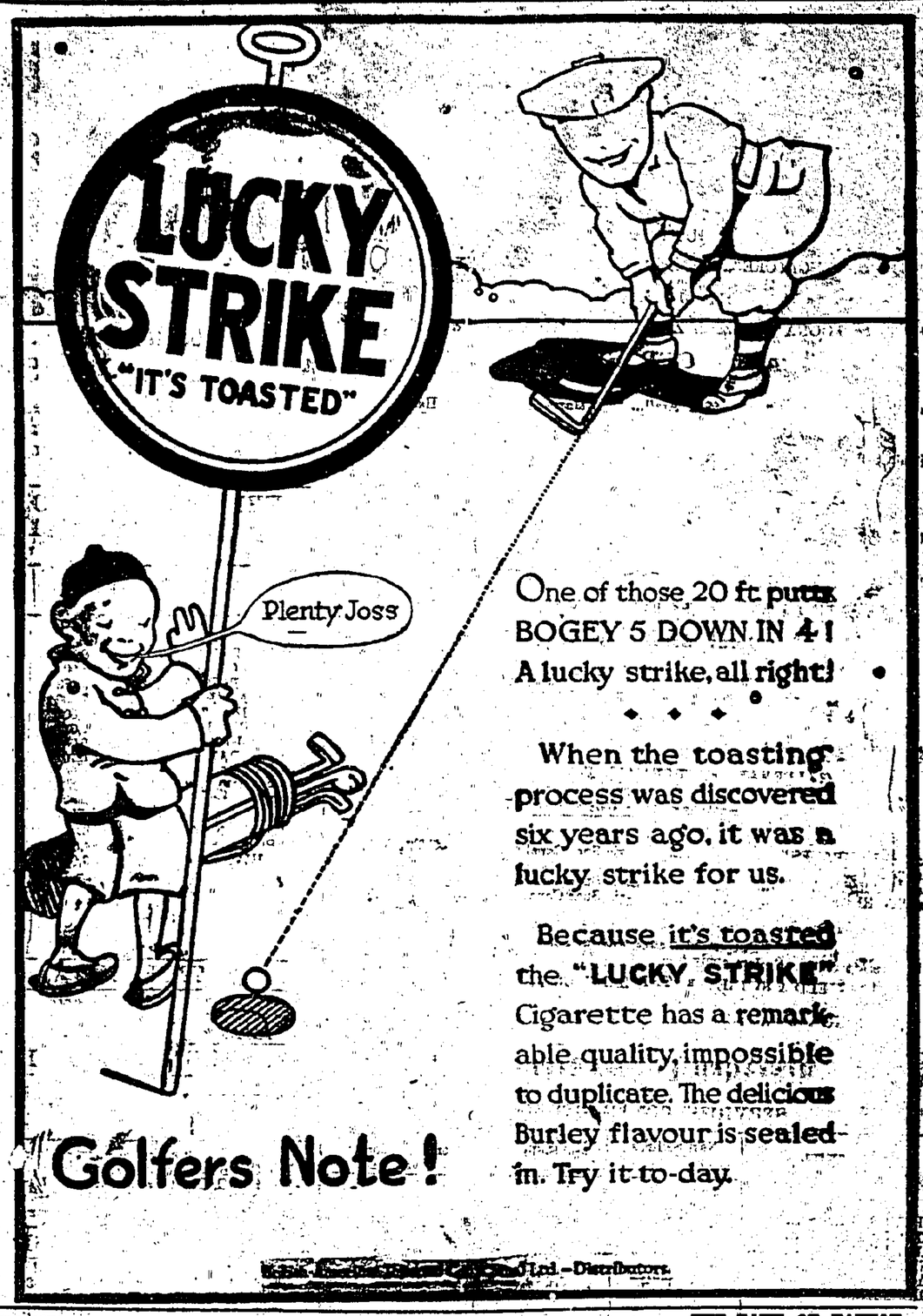
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Hongkong, March 22nd, 1923 [30

### NEDERLANDSCHEN HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(Netherlands Trading Society.)

Established 1824.

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| A. Capital ... | F. 100,000,000 | $82,644,628 |
| Paid-up Capital ... | F. 60,000,000 | $49,586,776 |
| Reserve Fund ... | F. 19,745,200 | $16,320,413 |
| Special Reserve ... | F. 29,450,000 | $24,338,833 |

Head Office: Amsterdam.
Branches at:
The Hague: Rotterdam.
Royal Agency: Batavia.

BRANCHES:

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|---|---|---|
| Bandjermasin | Macassar | Shanghai |
| Bandoeng | Medan | Singapore |
| Bombay | Padang | Soerabaja |
| Calcutta | Palembang | Semarang |
| Cheribon | Pekalongan | (Sale) |
| Djember | Pontianak | Tegal |
| Djokjakarta | Rembang | Tjilatjap |
| Kediri | Samarang | Weltevreden |
| Kota-Radja | Sibolga | |

Correspondents at Colombo, Madras Pondicherry, Shanghai, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, etc. etc.

London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America and Australia and transacts banking business of every description.

W. H. GROSKAMP,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 4th, 1923. [37

### THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, Limited.

HEAD OFFICE:—
No. 10 Des Voeux Road C, HONGKONG.
Established 1918.

Authorised Capital ... $10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... 5,000,000.00
Reserve Fund ... 500,000.00

DIRECTORS:
Mr. Pong Wai Tuck, Chairman.
Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son.
Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Kan Ying Po.
Mr. Fung Ping Shan, Mr. Mok Ching Kung.
Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Wong Yan Tang.
Mr. Kan Chiu Nam. Mr. Chan Ching Shak.
Mr. Huynh Tai, Mr. Ng Chang Lak.

Chief Manager ... Mr. Kan Fan Pa;
Asst. Manager ... Mr. L. Tse Fung.

BRANCHES & AGENCIES:—

| | |
|---|---|
| LONDON | NEW YORK |
| PARIS | SAN FRANCISCO |
| SHANGHAI | YOKOHAMA |
| KOBE | SAIGON |
| NAGASAKI | PENANG |
| SINGAPORE | HANKOW |
| TIENTSIN | BATAVIA |
| MANILA | SOURABAYA |
| SAMARANG | BOMBAY |
| CALCUTTA | CANTON |

London Bankers:—The London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts on the rate of Two per cent. per annum and on Savings Accounts Four per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 1 month at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum
For 6 month at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum
For 12 month at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 26th, 1923. [24

### THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital (fully paid-up) ... Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund ... Yen 69,000,000

HEAD OFFICE YOKOHAMA.
Branches and Agencies at

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Batavia | Kobe | Soerabaya |
| Bombay | London | Rangoon |
| Buenos Ayres | Lyons | San Francisco |
| Calcutta | Los Angeles | Seattle |
| Changchun | Manila | Shanghai |
| Dairen (Dalny) | Nagasaki | Singapore |
| Engtien | Nagoya | Shimonoseki |
| Fukien | Newchwang | Sydney |
| Hamburg | Osaka | Tientsin |
| Hankow | New York | Tokyo |
| Honolulu | Paris | Tsinanfu |
| Harbin | Rio de Janeiro | Tsingtau |
| Ka Yuen | Saigon | Vladivostok |

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

T. SHIHIYAMA,
Manager.

19th March, 1923. 29

### THE BANK OF TAIWAN, Limited.

(Taiwan Ginko).
Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter 1899

Capital Subscribed ... ... Yen 60,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) ... ... " 37,500,000
Reserve Funds ... ... " 12,120,000

HEAD OFFICE:—TAIPEH, FORMOSA

BRANCHES:
JAPAN—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Moji.
FORMOSA—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makung, Nanto, Pinan, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Taipeh, Taitung, Tamsui, Tokyan, Heito.
CHINA—Shanghai, Hankow, Kiukiang, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
OTHERS—Hongkong, Bangkok, Singapore, Soerabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Sandakan, Bombay, London, New York.

LONDON BANKERS:
London, County, Westminster and Parr's Bank, Ltd.

The Bank has Correspondents in Commercial Centres in the European Continent, the chief Manufacturing Districts, Treaty Ports, India, China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

S. KONDOH,
Hongkong Branch, Manager.

3, Des Voeux Road,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1922.

### BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, PARIS.

Head Office: 96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital ... Frs. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... Frs. 62,400,000.00
Reserve Funds ... Frs. 69,547,234.54

BRANCHES:

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| Bangkok | Hongkong | Saigon |
| Battambang | Mongtze | Shanghai |
| Canton | Noumea | Singapore |
| Djibouti | Papeete | Tientsin |
| Haiphong | Peking | Tourane |
| Hankow | Pnom-Penh | Yunnanfu |
| Hanoi | Pondichery | |

BANKERS:
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industriel et Commercial Société Générale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

V. MARBOT,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, July 12th, 1921. 28

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